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Incantalupo stakes strong claim to squad, Vava's 'macho' Brazilians fly in



THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS

Ajax for the apathy Cup

There's no truth in the rumor that VSF officials have scanned the Yellow Pages all week looking for a rent-a-crowd company to organise Sunday's Dockerty Cup Final at Olympic Park No. 2 between Green Gully Ajax and Sunshine.

But it is true that Sunshine is holding a champagne breakfast at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday morning starting at 9.30 am. The cost to Sunshine fans is \$15 which includes a bus to and from Olympic Park and entrance to the big game.

Really, the Shiners' fans can't lose. They can return to Chaplin Reserve after the match and either celebrate or drown their sorrows with whatever champagne remains.

Both sides must improve on their semi-final efforts. Surely the handful of people at the final won't be treated to a repeat of last Sunday's somnambulist spectacle.

Ajax will start favorite and should win. While Sunshine defenders Mike Dixey, Steve Scerri and Steve Ellis have the height to contain Gus MacLeod's aerial threat a huge question mark hangs over their positional sense when the Ajax midfield starts to play balls wide and stretch the Shiners at the back.

Sunshine coach Dave O'Connor feels that his side is physically stronger than Ajax. If that's a hint about Sunshine's approach to Sunday's final I can assure O'Connor that there are a few players in the Ajax line-up who don't mind giving twice as much as they take.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



Victorian Rothmans Medallist Charlie Egan (right) of Frankston City is congratulated by runner-up Rob Nelson of Sunshine. Nelson may have missed out on the medal, but he hopes to be a Dockerty Cup winner on Sunday.

By MIKE JOHNSON and LAURIE SCHWAB

The countdown to the Coca-Cola World Youth Championships started in earnest on Tuesday with the Brazilian team's arrival in Melbourne.

Brazil is drawn in the Melbourne group against South Korea, Romania and Italy. They kick off on Saturday week.

Australian coach Les Scheinflug submitted his final squad of 18 players to FIFA on Monday but was adamant he would not make it public until tomorrow (Thursday) or Friday morning.

One of the surprise inclusions is likely to be that of Victorian forward Fabio Incantalupo of Juventus.

He scored two goals in the Socceroos' 4-0 victory over the Institute of Sport team in the curtain-raiser to the Philips Cup final between Brisbane Lions and West Adelaide Hellas in Canberra last Sunday.

"Incantalupo is a very improved player", Scheinflug said from the team's headquarters at Canberra's Park Royal motel.

"He's fitting well into our pattern, he's prepared to take men on and get into the box for a shot".

Another outstanding player in camp has been Victorian sweeper Oscar Crino, from the Institute of Sport.

Ian Hunter of Marconi has been unable to train because of a thigh injury and remained doubtful as we went to Press.

Peter Raskopoulos of Sydney Olympic had a precautionary x-ray for an ankle injury and Adelaide City's David Mitchell has been off-color all week because of the flu.



Les Scheinflug



Fabio Incantalupo

The Australians began their preparation on their World Cup tour, during which they beat JAK Jakarta 4-1, lost 0-1 to Indonesia, beat Caroline Hill of Hong Kong 6-0 and drew 0-0 with Taiwan.

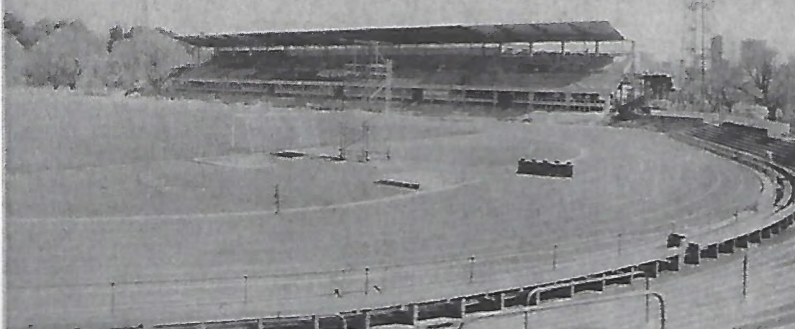
Apart from having beaten the Sports Institute 4-0 last Sunday, they also beat Canberra Croatia 3-0. They meet Canberra City on Thursday night and Inter-Monaro on Tuesday.

Former international forward Vava is coach of the Brazilian team that arrived in Melbourne this week.

"I'm going to share a bit of my experience with these youngsters and I'm sure we'll be able to repeat the brilliant performance that won us the Cannes Soccer Festival in France earlier this year", he said.

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\$4.45 mil. FACELIFT



The last dab of paint may be splashed minutes before the start of the opening ceremony for October's World Youth Cup but Melbourne's Olympic Park will be one of the showpieces of the tournament.

It's the foreign diplomats and journalists who will be most impressed though they may take their excellent facilities at Olympic Park for granted, coming as they do from countries which allocate large amounts of state and national expenditure to the upgrading of soccer stadia.

Olympic Park is essentially a soccer venue. Athletics really plays a second fiddle to soccer which draws the bigger crowds to the ground. And should summer soccer become a reality Olympic Park's floodlighting will call for increased usage of the arena.

The upgrading of Olympic Park costs \$4.45 million, with the Victorian government footing \$2.4 million and the federal government tossing in the remaining \$2.05 million.

Members of the media and VIP's will benefit greatly, as will players and spectators. The grandstand has been extended at either end. When finished it will provide covered seating for 4,000 spectators.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Just below the grandstand what once was standing room will be converted into a seating area for 2,500 spectators without cover.

The seats are single units. Gone are the long wooden benches with leg room exclusive to 'midgets' and the accompanying aching limbs at the end of a game.

Two huge concrete ramps will shoot up from ground level at either end of the grandstand, allowing direct access to the covered seating.

There are three media areas. A large Press gallery near the halfway line is situated just below the grandstand. It features a lounge area at the back. Radio and TV is well catered for with sound-proof cubicles. Another Press area, mainly for athletics coverage, is in front of the finish line on the 100 metre sprint track.

A feature of the area just below the grandstand is a large VIP room which backs onto an entertainment lounge. This lounge will be available for receptions and should get extensive use throughout the year.

Although not ready in time for the World Youth Cup a lift will be available next year, exclusively servicing the media and VIP

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TOWNSVILLE JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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RUDI IN AFRICA



Rudi Gutendorf has been appointed coach of Tanzania's national team for the African championships next month. He is in Dar Es Salaam on a bumper contract.

Gutendorf was Australia's coach from 1979 until the Socceroos lost 0-2 to New Zealand in Sydney this year.



The new, individual seating in Olympic Park's grandstand

Scoreboard delayed

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areas. A security corridor runs behind those areas with no access to the public.

There are five dressing rooms underneath the grandstand. A feature of this area is a warm up room. Eventually this will be developed into a fully equipped gymnasium.

The dressing rooms are fully air conditioned and have new shower and toilet facilities.

There will be an interview room in this area. The days of journalists hustling for an interview are gone. Players can wind down and shower after a match without being bothered by someone after a story.

But no amount of money can solve the perennial problem of journalists trying to get a story as soon as the players leave the field. That's not a matter of facilities but a human problem of communication. For some journalists who have to phone in reports to daily papers and to AAP it's imperative for deadline

reasons that they speak to coaches immediately a match is finished.

Two dugouts have been built at the edge of the athletic track. These concrete monsters will prove massive barriers for the irate fan trying to "get to" the coach. More importantly the dugouts are lit, both have a telephone and provide the sort of professional facility which long has been denied the Victorian player and coach. And the masseur should be happier too.

There should be room in the dugouts for a stretcher. No one would like the rest of the world viewing a live telecast of a game via satellite, and see an Olympic Park official scurrying down one of the races in search of a stretcher. At World Youth Cup level, that sort of amateurism just isn't on.

We won't be mesmerised by the \$228,000, fully electronic scoreboard planned for the youth championships. Time

didn't permit its erection. Instead a manually operated smaller scoreboard has been erected part of the way up one of the light towers. This scoreboard costs about \$25,000. But we should see the larger model in operation in 1992.

The old Olympic swimming pool next to the soccer stadium is being converted into the State Indoor Sports Centre to the tune of \$10.5 million.

When finished, the indoor centre will seat 7,000 spectators and indoor soccer is one of the sports it will house.

It's taken a long time for the home of Victorian soccer to be upgraded.

Under threat of being labelled parochial, I think Olympic Park could be developed into the greatest soccer stadium in Australia. The next step in development should be to make the ground fully covered.

Still, the world should be impressed by Olympic Park, 1991 style.

The "Daily Mirror" - Presto Smallgoods Soccer Superstar of 1981 is Ian Souness of Sydney City.

This slick Slicker was crowned Australian soccer superstar at a gala dinner at the Hakoah Club in Sydney last week.

Over 2250 people packed the Jaffa Restaurant at the Hakoah club to witness Souness being crowned.

He was named Superstar by the "Daily Mirror" sporting editor, John Wallis, and presented with his prize by Presto managing director Andrew Lederer.

The runner-up in this prestigious award was Sydney Olympic midfielder Peter Katholos.

Both the young stars received silver rodeo vases. Souness also received a free trip to England and a week's training and coaching with former European champion Nottingham Forest under ace manager Brian Clough.

The star-studded audience at the magnificent Jaffa Restaurant rose as one and applauded Souness when he was named winner.

Earlier in the evening Souness had tied with Joe Watson for the Sydney City Player of the Year award.

National television - Channel 9, Channel 10 and Channel 8/28 was on hand to capture the magic of the evening.

"I'm delighted and I would like to thank all the other 25 players for coming second", Souness said.

"In conjunction with Presto, we plan to make this the biggest award night in soccer in Australia", declared sporting editor Wallis.

Souness's award was worth in the region of \$3000.

Aussie soccer ship sinking



TOM ANDERSON

The 1981 Australian soccer season has been the biggest disaster since the sinking of the Titanic.

Fair dinkum, if ever there was a tale of woe it is that of the season just past.

All that is bad in soccer in this country surfaced and ran rife and at the present time, credibility is something soccer is devoid of.

Once again the administrators of the game must be prepared to shoulder the blame for the debacle.

Leadership and example must come from the top and this certainly was not forthcoming.

Politics ran rife and made soccer the laughing stock of all the winter codes.

No real firm decisions were made by our administrators. Every decision that was made was one of compromise — a terrible way to run a sport.

Let's squirm in our seats together as I recall the disasters of 1981.

First we had all the repercussions of a disastrous world tour by the Socceroos.

Personalities, politics and player power surfaced and this set the scene for the year ahead.

Then we had the disastrous failure of the Socceroos in the world cup.

Rudi Gutendorf was sacked and the resultant turmoil was

a disgrace to the game of professional soccer.

Instead of the sacking — he was said to have resigned and we all know this was not so — being done in a professional manner, it was handled in a completely amateurish fashion.

Player power reared its ugly head and what was worse, the ASF consulted the players and listened to them before wielding the axe on Gutendorf.

After this it came to light that one of the national team players had been "playing silly mugs" and had tape recorded one of Gutendorf's team meetings.

If ever the credibility of Australia's soccer players hit the skids it was at this time.

Then we had the debacle of the Philips Cup, when at times nobody, and by that I mean the teams, the press or the spectators knew when some Philips Cup games were on or where they were being played until 24 hours before the games.

The Philips League administrators must take full responsibility for poor administration as far as the Philips Cup is concerned.

This of course ended with the ridiculous decision to stage the Philips Cup Final between West Adelaide and Brisbane Lions in Canberra.

This only drew 6,000 spectators and if ever there was an expert way of how to lose money without really trying then this was it.

Put on top of all this the power of a marketing com-

pany which seems to be calling all the shots in the game and you have the sordid tale.

The marketing company's nickname game and new logos were failures and its recommendation to introduce summer soccer tore the heart out of the game and divided soccer in Australia.

We now are on the threshold of the World Youth Championships which we all hope will go off without a hitch.

Whether this will be so, time will tell.

If the WYC fails, with soccer's record this season, who could have expected anything else?

If they are a success then our administrators will most probably pat themselves on the back and tell each other what great fellows they are and go on as usual as if the failures of 1981 never happened.

Under the present set-up soccer in Australia is a joke.

And unfortunately it will continue to be a joke until a complete restructuring of the system is made.

This is the sad fact of the game in Australia today.

In the backline the every re-

latable Jim Hermiston, even though in his own words only 30 percent fit, Col Bennett and Paul Ontong were giving nothing away.

And neither did Nigel Lownds, despite a kick in the chin in the 10th minute that required stitching at half-time.

But West Adelaide were full of fight and when Graham Honeyman made space on the left flank he let loose a great 20-metre shot that whistled just wide of the upright with Lownds at full-stretch.

Yet Adelaide's well drilled and well-planned mid-field build-ups broke down at the last moment.

Desperate to pull back the deficit, West Adelaide's coach Peter Jaksa brought off Wright for Cos Kambas in the 59th minute and committed ex-Israeli international Chraga Topaz and Graham Honeyman much more to attack.

It was a positive and intelligent move.

For my money Topaz was Adelaide's man of the match, closely followed by Honeyman and livewire midfielder Vic Smythe.

In a period of early territorial play Brisbane managed a great breakthrough when Calvin Daunt's back-header was flicked by Williamson to McLean whose shot was brilliantly saved by Martyn Crook.

In the 75th minute Brisbane's superiority up front paid off.

Hard working midfielder Bobby Ferris was up in attack and only yards from goal when he gathered a loose ball, snapped up the chance and steered it well wide of Crook into the net.

This was Brisbane's vital match-winning break despite West Adelaide's goal in the 82nd minute.

It was deserved, as Peter Kowalski's cross was finely guided for Topaz to head into the back of the net.

Brisbane then showed why they have enjoyed such a good season with a quick period of retaliatory pressure, two quick corners and a dazzling break that saw nippy teenager Craig Low racing through when Ian MacKie in pursuit.

McKie clearly impeded Low by shirt-pulling and referee Chris Brambridge rightly awarded a penalty.

John Williamson took it and although Martyn Crook got his hands to it he couldn't hold the shot.

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The logistics of the world youth championships are awesome in their immensity. Coca Cola and the ASF will spend \$2.6 million in just 18 days to make the championships the biggest one sport event in Australian history.

That is \$144,000 spent each day from the time the big jumbo jet arrives in Australia on September 30 with its 400 players and officials on board till the grand final on October 18.

How easy it is to spend \$144,000 daily?

As simple as eating apple pie!

Imagine how many pieces of pie will be eaten from the food budget of \$282,000 allocated to feed the players and their officials.

The players are from 18 countries, the survivors of an original group of 99 countries who began contesting the world youth championships in May 1986.

Many of these players, including those representing Australia will become well known names as the massive media campaign gets underway.

Coca Cola will be bomb-

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arding Australia with 50,000 posters and 285 huge road signs while the ASF will hit the news media, mainly with television commercials and newspaper advertisements, to put the championships and the players before every family in the nation.

The ASF hopes to recoup some of its outgoing \$1.2 million through the gates at the various venues in our capital cities.

For example the England versus Australia clash and the England versus Argentina clash, both in Sydney, should be expected to draw crowds of at least 30,000.

With tickets ranging from \$4.15 per game this would produce gate takings of well over \$150,000.

Some of the games may produce gate takings approaching \$300,000 especially if Australia does well.

Some 450 media men will send stories back to the five continents of the world, while at the same time there will be a world television audience in excess of one billion people.

That awesome statistic is enough to jog the nerves of any experienced professional, so it obviously will have its effect on the teenage players displaying their talents and frailties to the critical eyes of the world.

FIFA is here in strength with 45 of its top people in attendance.

The England party also has indicated how prestigious it considers the event.

In its party of 12 officials are the secretary of the English F.A., Mr Ted Croker and the chairman, Mr Millchipp, the big boss of England's soccer administration.

For reasons of security all of the players and officials from countries as far afield as Italy and Korea, Romania and Brazil, will meet in Amsterdam where they will board a special jumbo jet which will transport them direct to Australia.

Security obviously will be a giant headache also for Commonwealth and local police, especially in Canberra where they will board the heads of government from the Commonwealth of nations will be meeting at the start of the championships.

With major sporting events a favourite target for minority groups seeking world wide attention, it is to be hoped that Australia's isolation from the mainstream of world events will once more protect us from acts of political violence.

Poland's participation in the finals obviously will be a focal point for those with anti Russian feelings.

Let us hope that the young players will produce a championship filled with the exuberance of youth and great attacking skills, played in the true spirit of sport without the on field or off the field violence which mars so much of our daily life today.

Pates, Kite quit England

LONDON, — worried manager-coach John Cartwright is keeping his fingers crossed that there will be no more defections from the England Under-20 soccer team bound for the world youth cup in Australia.

The 18-man squad had a dangerously inexperienced look even when first announced on September 8: the players had only 236 first-team appearances between the lot of them.

A number of English clubs had told the Football Association that they could not spare their young stars for youth international duty during the vital first weeks of the season.

Then, within 48 hours late last week, three of the originally-selected 18 dropped out, including one of the only five remaining members of the England team that won last year's European title to qualify for the World Cup.

"The Reserves bench is getting bare: Cartwright remarked ruefully.

He has yet to name a replacement for the third and most serious withdrawal, Chelsea defender Colin Pates, who with 31 first-team appearances for the Second

From JIM SHRIMPTON

Division Club, is one of the more experienced of the squad.

The earlier dropouts, Bristol Rovers goalkeeper Phil Kite and Bolton Wanderers defender Mike Bennett, were replaced by Geoff Dey of Sheffield United and Andy Gosney of Portsmouth.

His problems notwithstanding, Cartwright maintains optimistic that England will do well.

"We've had a lot of clubs withdraw players or hold players back, but we're pretty strong on the ground at youth level, and I think we can make up the difference," he said in an interview.

"You can understand the clubs' attitude. This is a difficult period of the year for them, at the start of the season, and they are anxious to do well. Some of these young players are essential for them to start well."

Cartwright said the Football Association, himself and the players were all taking the Australian venture — their first in the three World Cups so far — very seriously.

Cartwright said the strongest teams in Australia probably would be the South Americans, and European teams such as West Germany and Poland.

"We've also had one or two little complimentary messages filtering in about the Australians," he added.

While declining direct comment on the England senior team's recent poor form — it is now most unlikely to make next year's World Cup following a humiliating 2-1 defeat by Norway — Cartwright said: "We know we have to make up ground in world soccer."

"The only way to do this is with our young players, so we are concentrating on this by using the European and World Youth matches to develop them."

"We will try to build a better base than ever before, and hopefully these players over the next five or ten years will bring us back to the forefront of the world game." The England youths, under skipper Paul Allen of West Ham United, spent several days practising at the Lilleshall training camp in the Midlands last week.

They will gather in London after their club appearances next Saturday, have light training on Sunday, then fly to Amsterdam next day.

There they will join the youth cup players from 13 other nations all aboard a KLM jumbo jet for the flight to Melbourne and Sydney, arriving on the Wednesday.

Cartwright said his young charges had soccer too much on their minds to be tempted by the fleshpots of Sydney.

Cartwright is a former West Ham United and Crystal Palace player who became youth team national coach on a three-year contract in 1979.

Watch 'Il Nano!'

Italy's biggest star in the FIFA World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup is known to his fans as Il Nano — the midget.

He's 18-year-old Giuseppe Galderisi, a tiny, but well-muscled striker with Juventus, the legendary Italian champion from Turin.

And he's among the favorites to skipper Italy's challenge for the Coca-Cola Cup.

Leading Italian clubs have a habit of farming out their most promising kids to develop with Second Division sides. It gives them league experience.

But not Giuseppe. He's already too good and too valuable for Juventus to let him out of their sight.

Juventus coach Giovanni Trapattoni said: "No young player in the whole Italian football has the qualities of this lad."

"He plays with a touch of fantasy. He's agile and powerful at the same time and his shooting is equally good with both feet."

"Giuseppe may be small, but the strength in his legs makes him an excellent header of the ball."

That's some build-up for Galderisi, born in the coastal town of Vietri, some 50 miles from Naples.

But it gets the full backing of Liam Brady, the ex-Arsenal star who went to seek his fortune with Juventus last season.

Brady, the Republic of Ireland midfielder international, said: "The kid is ready for our first team now. He's remarkable for an 18-year-old and the fans love him."

"Our first team is packed with full internationals and he trains with us. He'll be a big name in the game very soon."

Galderisi, an exciting close dribbler of the ball, was a handful even for international defenders like Gabriel Faurino, Scirea and Zoff during Juventus' annual warm-up match against the junior players last month.

He's been with Juventus since the summer of 1977 when Naples, Inter Milan, Varese and Atalanta were all battling for his signature.

Galderisi's size, strength and control have attracted inevitable cries of the "Young Italian Ma-

"In the meantime, I'm excited about this trip. It will be an extraordinary experience in an interesting country."

"And I think that Italy will be in the form to be among the main contenders for the championship."

Katholos for Germany

Peter Katholos of Sydney Olympic leaves in mid-October for trials in Europe.

Katholos will try out with VfL Bochum and Eintracht Frankfurt in West Germany, PAOK in Greece and perhaps Tommy Docherty's Preston North End in England.

Olympic goalkeeper Peter Wilson also will trial with Preston. Meanwhile, Marconi's Eddie Krncevic is reported to have trials lined up with Cagliari in Italy and Dynamo Zagreb in Yugoslavia.

But Alan Davidson of South Melbourne Hellas has had to call off his assault on the big time because of a leg injury.

He intends to strengthen the leg during the summer and perhaps try Europe at the end of 1982.

Saints supreme, now for PS!

ST. GEORGE 1 (Campbell) CROATIA 0, NSW State League Grand Final at Sydney Sportsground. Attendance: 15,461. Referee: Peter Rampley: 9. Cautions: Croatia — Stevens, Hanman. St. George — Campbell, Rylands.

CROATIA: Watson 6, A. Kovacic 7, Pavone 7, M. Kovacic 8, Coleman 7, Vidale 8, Hanman 7, Stevens 8, M. Siro 8, Bergard 8, H. Siro 8.

ST. GEORGE: Foster 8, Shaw 8, Terry 7, Barrow 8, Rylands 7, McDonald 8 (Sub. Hedley 87), Davison 8, Stone 8, Campbell 8, Griffiths 8, Martin 8.

Second Grade: MANLY 2 (Stuart) BUNNARD 1 (Caldwell).

Third Grade: AUBURN 2 (Stuart) SUTHERLAND 1 (Hargrave).

St. George became the 1981 Coca-Cola NSW State League Grand Final champion with an opportunistic goal by Ernie Campbell two minutes from the end of the game against Croatia.

Saints officials' immediate reaction after the game was that they will apply for entry into the national league next year.

"This is what the majority of our supporter want and this is what we are likely to apply for," was director Les Bordin's reaction.

Picioane to go home

Joe Picioane wants to come back to Melbourne.

"I thought it would turn out better in Sydney. I'm disappointed," he said this week.

"The players here at Marconi have been together a long time and they haven't really accepted me."

Picioane switched to Marconi from Footscray J.U.S.T. early this year for \$20,000.

The brilliant midfielder was hampered by injuries and never had the chance to show Marconi what he could do.

Clubs interested in signing Picioane should contact the Marconi club on (02) 604 5222 or Picioane himself on (02) 604 3207.

By TOM ANDERSON

In front of a bumper crowd of 15,461 Saints just deserved their win with a well disciplined performance in the second half.

On this showing both Croatia and Saints would be useful acquisitions to next year's national league or whatever it is going to be.

This was a grand final which was fought in true cup-style with no quarter asked and certainly none given.

From the start both teams fought every ball as if their lives depend on it.

Referee Peter Rampley kept a tight grip on the proceedings and after he had booked four players the participants realised just how far they could or could not go.

The first half belonged to Croatia and it has the Saints defence under a great deal of pressure.

It was obvious that Saints coach Frank Arok had instructed his players to "play it cool" and consolidate at the back during this period.

And with Croatia fully committed to attack it was little wonder that it had the upper hand.

However unfortunately for Croatia, striker Peter Hanman had one of those afternoons when he was way off target and missed a number of chances which he will remember for quite a while.

This pinned Croatia back in defence and really it came as no surprise when Ernie Campbell netted two minutes from the end.

The goal came from a corner on the right taken by John Davies.

Croatia goalkeeper Steve Watson came for the cross and made a complete hash of it and Campbell was on the far post to make no mistake with the chance.

Campbell had a very good game and shod that the old magic still is there.

So too did Saints' youth international David Sken and if this is anything to go by he should be one of Australia's stalwarts in the coming WYC.

For Croatia, youth defender Branko Vidale was tremendous and here is a young-

Hellas bids for stars

Phil O'Connor, Steve Summer and Alan Niven are believed to be on South Melbourne Hellas' shopping list for next season.

O'Connor, the brilliant APLA forward, has had talks with several clubs, including Wollongong.

Summer, the New Zealand international captain, has come to the end of his contract with Newcastle, as has Niven with Brisbane Lions.

If Hellas signs Niven, who has played left back for Australia this year, Alan Davidson would move to midfield. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

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Historic win to Ajax, Sunshine is up in arms

AJAX 1 (Greench) CROYDON 0. Docketry Cup semi-final at Olympic Park No. 2. MATCH RATING: 6. Referee: Fokianos 7.

AJAX: Deryn 7 - Peter Lewis 6, Gardiner 8, Cannell 8, G. Bennett 6 - Greench 6, A. Bennett 7, Williams 7 - Wall 8 (inj. Paul Lewis 60th), Morrey 7, Macleod 6.

CROYDON: Edwards 7 - Brown 8, Panglo 7, McCombe 8, Hobson 6 - Davidson 5 (inj. Smith 52nd), Spink 6, Howarth 5 - P. Loughnane 6, I. Loughnane 6, Wade 6.

Ajax keeper Lou Denys made his first save in the 73rd minute to highlight Croydon's inability to make any inroads on the Ajax defence.

Croydon goal ace Ian Loughnane was surrounded by two, sometimes three Ajax defenders almost every time he was in possession. Loughnane received virtually no support from midfield and was left to battle it out against Ajax's John Gardiner and Stuart Cannell.

Cannell was the best defender on the park while Gardiner's periodic dashes up field almost caught the Croydon defence napping.

Gus Macleod played wide on Ajax's left and rarely was sighted. The sight of the bustling, aggressive Macleod leading the Ajax front line has become common in 1981 so it was strange to see him so wide.

Ajax manager Bobby MacLachlan revealed after the match that the plan was for Kit Greench and Peter Lewis to go down Ajax's right and cross to the far post for the incoming Macleod. MacLachlan reasoned that Ajax would get more value from Macleod jumping against Mark Brown than with the taller Steve McCombe. But the move failed. Greench and Lewis didn't get the crosses over.

But Lewis defended well while Greench made a great contribution to Ajax's cause by stealing in behind Kevin Wall at the near post and bending down to head Bill Morrey's cross firmly past helpless Croydon keeper Mick Edwards.

That was in the 42nd minute but earlier chances to Wall and Greench went begging. Both were in the clear inside the Croydon area but shot wide.

Croydon never extended Ajax until the last 15 minutes. A first half move served to illustrate Ajax's control.

Gerry Bennett won the ball in the left back spot and neatly flicked it wide to Gardiner. He chipped the ball forward to the halfway line where Alan Bennett tapped it first time down to the feet of Jim Williams. Williams quickly played the ball back to Alan Bennett who then switched play wide to Greench on the right and set off for the Croydon goal. Greench crossed and the ball was headed out to the incoming Alan Bennett who volleyed just wide from the edge of the area.

Croydon's best chance fell to Ian Loughnane in the 76th minute when the ball was curled into the Ajax area from the right. Wade missed with his attempt to head on at the near post but the ball fell to Loughnane about three metres out. As Denys advanced Loughnane prepared to tap the ball past him. In jumped Cannell to whip the ball almost off Loughnane's boot.

Three minutes earlier Ian Loughnane got about a metre

away from Cannell and from a tight angle slammed a ball destined for the top near corner yet Denys flung himself up and across to tip over.

Ajax was playing on the break now hoping to exploit Paul Lewis's speed. Lewis had replaced the injured Wall who had done a fine job and given Gary Hobson problems whenever the former Frankston Pines striker had slipped across to Ajax's right.

But for all the hustle and bustle in and around the Ajax area Croydon didn't deserve to level.

When the final whistle blew Ajax had reached the last stage of the Docketry Cup for the first time in its history.

SUNSHINE 1 (Murdric) Altona 0. Docketry Cup semi-final at Olympic Park No. 2. MATCH RATING: 2. Referee: Venios 7.

SUNSHINE: Contini 7 - Olney 6, Scerri 7, Ellis 7, Taylor 6 - Musall 6, Nelson 6, Laing 5 - Mudrincic 6, Pato 6, Bain 7.

ALTONA: Memishi 7 - Thompson 7, K. Wilson 6, Koznick 7, McKenna 5 - Jones 7, Whyte 5, Innes 5 - Wattara 7, Mercer 5 (Cooper 86th), Little 7.

This game burst into life in the 32nd minute when two parachutists were seen descending from the heavens to behind the trees lining the far Yarra river bank.

This was the sort of spectacle which makes your bum sore and your mind wander. Or should that be the other way around?

Another action packed moment occurred in the 67th minute when referee Evan Venios stopped the match, walked behind the Altona goal and ordered off the Ajax players warming up for the second semi-final.

In between times the players of both sides conspired to hatch the most devilish plot on about 500 people lounging in the sun around the ground.

The plot was simple. Kick the ball as soon as it comes to you and do your best to kick it in the right direction.

It didn't take long for the ball to resemble the biggest grenade in the world. No-one was game to hold it for too long and in keeping with the maxim that it's better to be safe than sorry the ball was whipped about the bumpy surface at breakneck speed.

Yet there's no way that this encounter was the worst game I've ever seen. I particularly remember an under-12 game I saw in 1967 between Moorabbin and Sandringham and there was an Industrial League game, in about 1974 I think, between Patons Brakes and Cartro. I was playing left back (obviously before my obese days) and with minutes to go the ball was played down Cartro's right to its winger. I think what I did is calling jockeying or delaying but nevertheless the winger heard a call and squared the ball about 10 metres to the edge of the Patons Brakes' area. I won't say what I said when I turned my head around and watched the Cartro keeper thunder a first time drive into the top near corner of goal to make the score Cartro 10 Patons Brakes 0.

Anyway back to Sunshine's win. The goal which split the sides came in the 28th minute when Rob Nelson sent a high

ball wide to John Mudrincic in the clear down the right. Altona appealed for offside but it looked to me that way across on the other side of the field Altona right back Joe Thompson had played Mudrincic on. The young Sunshine winger charged into the area and slammed a low shot past the advancing Rathman Memishi from about 12 metres.

Norrie Pate was back from injury to lead the Shiners' strike force but he didn't appear to be fully match fit.

Nat Little worked hard for Altona up front. It's a pity some of his team mates didn't put as much into their game.

Sunshine lodged an official letter of protest with the VSF after the match. The letter complained about the condition of the No. 2 pitch, the lack of security in the dressing rooms which culminated in money and clothes being stolen, and the Ajax players who warmed up behind one of the goals in the second half.

The Shiners also called for a change of venue for Sunday's cup final but it looks like Olympic Park No. 2 still is the venue.



The ball eludes Altona goalkeeper Rathman Memishi, as Kevin Wilson, Kevin Innes and Brian Kilpatrick look on nervously. No goal resulted however. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

ILIOSKI PENALTY HITS POST

Makedonia 2 J.U.S.T. 2

Scorers: Ilioski, Kojic (J.U.S.T.), Brown, Ollerton (Makedonia).

Venue: Connor Reserve, Reservoir. **Crowd:** 1800.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Boland 6 (Circic 6, half time) - Popovic 6, Kondratos 6, Kyrle kouleas 6 (O'Reilly 6, half time), Hazabent 7 - Kakantonis 6 (Varvovj 5, half time), Ilioski 6m Jovanovic 7, Milne 7 - Kojic 6, Cazzelle 6.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Clayton 8 - Rainey 6, Flavell 6, Petrovski 6, Beach 6 - Boyle 7, Ollerton 7, Farrell 7 (Magnano 80th) - Cullen 7, Whittle 6, Brown 6.

The outcome of the two-match challenge between J.U.S.T. and Makedonia will

be decided in their second game, at Schintler Reserve in Footscray on Saturday.

The match was to have been played on Sunday, but has been rescheduled so it does not clash with the Docketry Cup final.

In the curtain-raiser, at 1pm, J.U.S.T.'s Second Division team will meet Bratstvo Jedinstvo of Springvale.

J.U.S.T. is unlucky not to be one up after last Sunday's game, as captain Zoran Ilioski hit the post with a last-minute penalty.

But coach Cedo Cirkevich was pleased with the display of forward Milan Kojic, who together with defender Stobodan Popovic, was playing his first game for J.U.S.T.

They were brought from Yugoslavia by J.U.S.T. and farmed out to State League club Northcote City until next season, when they will revert to J.U.S.T.

Claude Lucchesi was out of the Makedonia team due to injury and Zdravko Lujic was missing from the J.U.S.T. side for the same reason.

Makedonia was going to try out South African Richard Miranda but he had glandular fever during the week and was not up to playing.

J.U.S.T. made three half-time changes, replacing Dennis Boland, Kyrt Kyria-

kouleas and Steve Kakantonis with Milutin Ciric, Jim O'Reilly and John Verweij, but continued to create the better scoring chances.

A mistake by Boland gave Makedonia the lead. He failed to get his body behind a shot from Doug Brown, and allowed it to slip through his hands, into the goal.

Zoran Ilioski equalised with a 20-metre free kick through Makedonia's defensive wall,

and Kojic put J.U.S.T. 2-1 ahead after half time, beating defenders on the run after a pass from Ilioski.

However, with about 10 minutes to go, Peter Ollerton rose high to equalise with a brilliant header.

J.U.S.T. was awarded its penalty after Jim Milne had been brought down from behind in the area. Ilioski's shot hit the post. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

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Box Hill - Polonia final

BOX HILL 4 (Verachia, Patterson, Taylor, McLeod) ST. ALBANS 1 Pavlovic

BOX HILL: Morgan, Roodhouse, Brownlie, Krasvan, Rae, Singleton, Tolmie, Valentini, Verachia (McLeod 78th), S. Patterson, Taylor. St. Albans: Bryden, Abala, Lombardi, McIntyre, Nikolic, Nobilo, Gaudi, Maricovic, Juries (Arvin 20th), Basar (Pavlovic 60th) Bouzas.

Box Hill put paid to plucky Third Division St. Albans' aspirations of making the final of the 1981 Metro League Cup with a convincing 4-1 victory.

St. Albans keeper Wally Bryden, well supported by defenders McIntyre and Nikolic, held the Hillmen at bay in the first half.

Just after the interval Valentini and Tolmie took a short corner on the right and switched play to Scott Patterson who squared for Verachia and Bryden was given no chance with a fine snapshot.

St. Albans hit back but couldn't break through. Box

Hill sweeper Billy Rae was a commanding figure all day.

Ray Taylor crossed to Patterson in the 65th minute and the young striker picked his spot and slammed the ball home.

Taylor scored the goal of the game in the 75th minute with a bullet like header which sent the ball rocketing into the back of the net.

He repeated the dose three minutes later from McLeod's cross, but Bryden saved well and Saints struck through substitute Pavlovic.

McLeod completed the scoreline when he ran onto Taylor's through ball and slipped it past the advancing Bryden.

POLONIA 3 KNOX CITY 0
The Cup Final between Box Hill and Polonia kicks off at 2.45pm at Egan Lee Reserve, Riddell Road, Wandrina on Saturday.

MacLeod wins award

Green Gully Ajax striker Gus MacLeod has won our General Tourist top scorer award, a return trip for two to New Zealand.

MacLeod was tied on 20 goals at the end of the State League season with Frankston's Charlie Egan and Croydon's Ian Loughnane.

To find an outright leader we incorporated Docketry Cup goals into our statistics. MacLeod and Loughnane were tied on 23 goals each going into Sunday's Docketry Cup semi-final between their teams.

Neither player scored and if MacLeod fails to score in the final against Sunshine Ampol Cup goals will use to establish an outright winner.

MacLeod was the leading scorer in the 1981 Ampol Cup so he's the winner of General Tourist's 1981 award. Congratulations Gus.

JUNIOR CUP FINALS

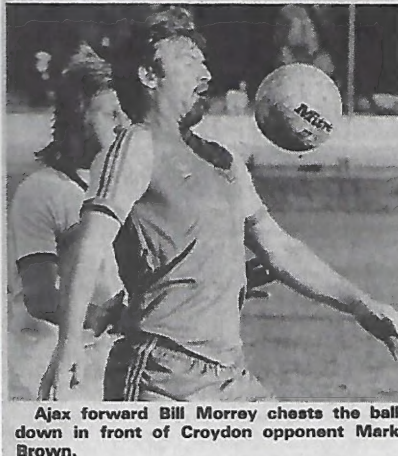
The finals of the 1981 JLMC Cup will be held at Dendy Park, Brighton on Saturday and Sunday.

The under-11 final kicks off 11am on Saturday followed by the under-12 final at 1pm and the under-16 final at 3pm.

The under-13 final kicks off at 11am on Sunday followed by the under-14 final at 1pm and the under-15 final at 3.30pm.

Coca Cola will hold a penalty taking competition over the two days of finals. Winners will receive passes to next month's World Youth Cup.

Two ladies' teams will play before the start of Sunday's under-16 final and kite flying demonstrations will be held on both days from 11am to 2pm.



Ajax forward Bill Morrey chests the ball down in front of Croydon opponent Mark Brown.

Ossie Latif wins Metro award

Kellor Austria's 17-year-old striker Ossie Latif has been voted best and fairest player in the Victorian Metropolitan League.

Latif had a sensational season and finished as Austria's top scorer. His brothers Tony and Sammy Latif also play at Austria.

However, it is rumored that Polonia will try to sign Latif for its return to the State League next season.

Latif won the Metro First Division award on a countback from Alex Straubinger of Richmond.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

DIVISION I	
KEILOR, O. Latif	20
Winner on countback	
RICHMOND, A. Straubinger	20
KEILOR, J. Webb	16
MARIBYRNONG, P. Czupnic	16
ALTONA GATE, M. Micevski	16

MARIBYRNONG, B. Lalic	15
WESTERN SUBURBS, M. Karapatsos	15
BOX HILL, B. Valentine	13
BOX HILL, D. Brownlie	12
KEY PARK RANGERS, T. Spalding	12
KEY PARK RANGERS, A. Savage	12
WESTERN SUBURBS, I. McCarthy	12
ALBION ROVERS, M. D'Sylva	11

DIVISION II

DANDENONG CITY, C. Murphy	22
MELBOURNE, D. Ward	19
FOOTSCRAY, D. Aeski	16
PRESTON, B. Coyle	16
FAWKNER, C. Sabidussi	15
ARDEER, G. Darch	15
MELBOURNE, P. Drinczyk	13
FAWKNER, T. Schipano	13
ARDEER, J. Dykun	12
DONCASTER ROVERS, K. Halc	12
SPRINGVALE CITY, P. Clarke	12
FAWKNER, B. Sabidussi	11
MELBOURNE, C. Berbia	11
FOOTSCRAY, T. Vukovic	11

DIVISION III

YALLOURN, S. Pavlovic	25
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PORT MELBOURNE, J. Kostopoulos	22
HEIDELBERG, K. Coyle	21
ST. ALBANS, W. McIntyre	18
WERRIBEE, K. Crozier	18
BROADMEADOWS CITY, C. Presliski	17
BELL PARK, M. Banagan	16
COBURG, S. Avelly	15
BROADMEADOWS CITY, J. Vizzini	15
CORIO, N. Carmichael	14
ELTHAM, P. Cirra	13
BELL PARK, R. Pocock	13
RINGWOOD UNITED, J. Mills	12
PORT MELBOURNE, H. Petkas	11

DIVISION IV

ROYAL PARK Y. Behich	26
BRIGHTON C. Michopoulos	27
CHELSEA C. Miller	22
FERNTREE GULLY R. Brott	19
MORNINGTON M. Jones	18
SUNBURY UNITED G. Train	17
KEYSBOROUGH J. Andrade	16
NUNAWADING CITY C. Middlemast	15
MUNASH UNIVERSITY C. Mullet	13
NUNAWADING CITY K. Middlemast	13
NORTH DANDENONG A. Fox	12

MONASH UNIVERSITY P. Walker	12
KEYSBOROUGH J. Durand	11
SUNBURY UNITED J. Campbell	11
SUNBURY UNITED H. Stewart	11
SANDRINGHAM A. Dillon	10

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE 1

ESSENDON CITY: G. Maikousis	21
THOMASTOWN: H. Papadopoulos	20
SOUTH OAKLIGH: T. Kontokostas	18
ROSEBUD: J. Smart	16
ESSENDON CITY: H. Diliza	14
GREENSBOROUGH: K. Bateman	14
HOTHAM UNITED: R. Lopez	14
GEELENG: K. Prior	13
CAULFIELD CITY: J. Giannos	12
GEELENG: D. Tuck	12
MOOROOLBARK: F. Dallas	12
GREENSBOROUGH: R. Lamb	12
CAULFIELD CITY: B. Gatzanis	11
THOMASTOWN: C. Karantianis	11

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE 2

BALLARAT: P. Smith	23
NORTH GEELENG: D. Kraljina	20
NORTH GEELENG: S. Vuckovic	20
HAWKS BURN: S. Blezany	19

HAWKS BURN: J. Szabo	18
KARINGAL UNITED: A. Parrott	17
LALOR UNITED: K. Veljanovski	17
SHEPPARTON CITY: S. Jordan	17
NUNAWADING UNITED: D. Englin	15
NUNAWADING UNITED: D. Milelevic	14
HAWTHORN CITIZENS: B. Lazopoulos	13
KARINGAL UNITED: R. Brooks	12
LALOR UNITED: I. Iljevski	11
SOUTH YARRA: K. Parker	11

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE 3

BULLEEN: C. Graser	19
YARRAVILLE: T. Papachristopoulos	19
REGENCY: A. Peretis	18
ROSANNA: J. Sampson	18
ROSANNA: E. Palermo	17
MOE UNITED: C. Vella	14
BERWICK CITY: I. Smith	14
BERWICK CITY: G. Henschel	12
BULLEEN: A. Spadaro	12
YARRAVILLE: N. Apostolidis	12
UNI OF MELBOURNE: T. Neales	12
BULLEEN: V. Salvatore	11
YARRAVILLE: C. Karapagiorgis	11

* Graser winner on countback.



No-one was happier about Charlie Egan's Medal victory than John Pryde (left), his coach at Frankston, and good friend Danny McCluskey of Preston Makedonia. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

It's sweet success for Milky Bar Kid

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

For Frankston City striker Charlie Egan, winner of Victoria's Rothmans Medal for 1981, it was work as usual the morning after his triumphant night before.

And unlike most of the people who attended the gala occasion at Melbourne's Southern Cross Hotel Egan started work in the warehouse of Nylx's Menne plant with a clear head. He must be the first Rothmans winner not to drink on the night when he was recognised as the best player in Victoria's State League.

But that's Egan. He went to a night club after his win and ordered a couple of soft drinks while friends "got stuck into the bevy" as the Scottish slang goes.

No doubt the Rothmans win will add a couple of thousand dollars to Egan's transfer fee.

His much talked-about move to another club next year is no closer but it looks likely either PSL giant South Melbourne Hellas or State League kingpin Essendon Croatia will win his services.

Hellas is favorite to snap up the dynamic young Scot, probably for about \$15,000.

Maybe we should nickname Egan "The Milky Bar Kid". He doesn't drink or smoke but apparently he's got a "sweet tooth".



Ajax forward Gus McLeod (left), who finished equal third, congratulates Medal winner Egan.



The men of Croydon live it up at the medal count. From left: Paul Wade, Martin Koanen, Geoff Pegg, Ian Loughnane, Dave Baddock and Laurie Cooper.

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25 C. Egan (F)	23 R. Nelson (Sun.)
21 E. Marria (Dove)	20 B. Toal (Geo. Cr.)
16 D. Brogan (Croatia)	15 S. McKenna (Croy.)
14 D. Houghen (Ajax)	13 J. Luyten (Ring.)
12 G. Wartore (Alt.)	11 S. McCombe (Croy.)
10 D. Brogan (Croatia)	9 P. Loughnane (Croy.)
9 P. Loughnane (Croy.)	8 W. Whyste (Alt.)
8 W. Whyste (Alt.)	7 D. Messini (Alt.)
7 D. Messini (Alt.)	6 W. Whyste (Alt.)
6 W. Whyste (Alt.)	5 D. Messini (Alt.)
5 D. Messini (Alt.)	4 W. Whyste (Alt.)
4 W. Whyste (Alt.)	3 H. Mercer (Alt.)
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2 H. Mercer (Alt), S. Cunningham (Juva), J. Cranney (Juva), A. Curcio (Juva), S. Glucose (Juva), A. Heery (Juva), *F. Incentalupo (Juva), G. Bakker (Croy), H. Hobson (Croy), D. Smith (Croy), L. Ivanoff (Dove), *A. Blavier (Croat), D. Webb (Frank), B. Farmer *Geo. Cr. T. Tahira (North), S. Tawase (North), D. Davidson (Hak), M. Dooey (Sun), W. Lains (Sun), G. Groenewald (Ring).

2 K. Innes (Alt), L. Murphy (Alt), G. McKenna (Alt), *L. Vaccaro (Juva), D. McCuskey (Frank), G. Tutill (Frank), T. Kent (Geo. Cr.), G. Bennett (Ajax), T. Kallafatis (North), J. Nicolais (North), S. Thom (Ring), R. Bain

said to me that I'd win. He said they're only making a contest of it. I wasn't so sure but Danny was. He said that he'd eat the menu if I wasn't the winner!"

It's history now that McCluskey didn't suffer chronic gastronomic failure on the night.

"Then I had to get up on the stage and make speeches which I don't like doing but this medal is the greatest thing I've won."

"I've seen Scottish Cup Winners' medals and they've got nothing on this Rothmans Medal. For a start it's about three times the size of most other medals and I think it might even weigh more than I do," Egan quipped.

Egan was brought from Scotland by Frankston's Director of Coaching John Pryde. The talented striker arrived just a few hours before Frankston's opening game

against George Cross in this year's State League and scored the only goal of the match.

It was the start of a scoring spree which netted 20 goals in 21 league games and lured bids from Preston Makedonia, Croatia and APIA.

"I'm hoping to sign a new contract by December 1 because I've been told that I can extend my visa for another year if I've signed by then. And that's when my contract with Frankston is up."

Egan took his workmates up to the local pub at lunchtime last Friday to shout them a few drinks. He wanted to show a few Australians that what they'd been saying about Scots being stingy wasn't true. Maybe they'll return the gesture soon to celebrate their workmate's elevation to the status of a successful PSL player.

JOHN CAMPOLJ TOP JUNIOR

John Campelj of Sunshine City is the winner of the Victorian Weinstein Medal for the junior soccer player of the year.

John, born in Australia, started his soccer career with Sunshine played one season with Keilor Austria, returned to Sunshine and has played in the senior team.

He has represented Victoria in the under age groups 14s, 15s & 16s.

He was the captain of the Victorian under 16s that recently toured New Zealand where they were unbeaten in a series of six games. During this tour John was outstanding both on and off the field.

He has the potential to represent his State and country at senior level.

The Weinstein Medal together with an award of \$100 will be presented to John prior to the Dockerty Cup final at Olympic Park No. 2 ground on Sunday by Mr M. Weinstein, chairman of

SCORERS AND STARS OF '81



Goals:
9 Mitchell, J. Nyskohus
6 Northcote
5 Melta
4 Russell
3 Villani, Jones, Marocchi
2 Fashanu
1 B. Nyskohus, Perin

APIA-LEICHHARDT

77 Wilson
67 Woodhouse
55 O'Connor
33 Kafka
23 Soper
22 Butler
15 Giampaolo
10 Pullen, Bradley, Morsello
6 Hughes
5 McCausland
3 Carter
1 Parkes

Goals:
13 Soper
7 O'Connor
4 Giampaolo
3 Hughes, Kafka, Morsello, Bradley
2 Butler
1 Pirie, Wilson

BLACKTOWN CITY

50 Burrows
47 James
29 Djordjevic
24 Selva
21 Rasmussen
20 O'Donnell
14 Wheatley, Milovanovic
12 Pointer
10 Krstic
8 Culina
7 Jones
5 Hormazabal
3 Pollard
2 Wallace
1 Turner

Goals:
4 Burrows, O'Donnell, Jones, Djordjevic
3 Cuk
2 Culina, Krstic, Wallace, Turner
1 Hormazabal, Selva, Pointer, Rasmussen

BRISBANE CITY

42 Gaffney
38 Coe
35 Dunne
33 Pimblett, Ratcliffe
28 P. Wilkinson
24 W. Wilkinson
21 Wishart
20 Hamilton
21 Hamilton
282 Blacktown City
235 West Adelaide
234 Marconi-Datsun

Leading individual vote-getters were:
82 Hermiston (BL)
78 Mitchell (AC)
77 Wilson (APIA)
72 Yzendoorn (H'berg) T.
Byrne (Can)
68 Crook (WA)
67 Bennett (BL), Woodhouse (APIA)
64 Dunleavy (Woll)
61 Boland (Foot)
60 Evans (Sth Melb)
59 Burrows (Black)
58 Senkalski (Newc) Watson (SC)

BRISBANE LIONS

82 Hermiston
67 Bennett
42 Ontong
26 Williamson
23 Niven
17 McLean, Low
15 Millman
13 Lownds
12 Ferris
11 Hogg
9 Wilson

Top scorers were:
16 Cole (H'berg)
14 Evans (Sth Melb)
13 Souness (SC), Soper (APIA)
12 Boden (SC), P. Wilkinson (Black)
11 Kosmina (SC), Barnes (SC), Koussas (SO)
10 Ollerton (Mak)
9 Valeri (Can), Mitchell (SC), J. Nyskohus (SC), Williamson (BL)
8 Paton (H'berg), Hamilton (BC), Lucchesi (Mak), Gibson (Can)
7 Christopoulos (Sth Melb), O'Connor (APIA), Brown (Mak), Mountford (Newc), Cozzella (Foot), McGreen (Woll)

All JAT Award voting and goal scorers:

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS

78 Mitchell
52 Perin
44 B. Nyskohus
42 Russell
29 Jones
19 Northcote
17 Melta
13 J. Nyskohus
12 Villani
10 Marocchi
5 Marshall, Dods



Footscray J.U.S.T. striker Johan Verweij (right) outjumps Canberra defender Mark O'Shea in a heading duel.

8 Daunt
6 Bryce
5 McNaughton, Burns
3 Scanlan, Latchford
Goals:
9 Williamson
5 Millman, Bennett
4 Latchford, Ferris, Low
3 Hermiston
2 Hogg, Daunt, Bryce
1 McNaughton

CANBERRA CITY

72 Byrne
51 Brennan
34 Cole
27 Hoszowski
19 McLaren
18 Moutsopoulos
17 Valeri
14 Gibson
13 R. O'Shea
12 Stark
11 Purdie
10 J. O'Shea Farrell
8 Williams
7 Wilson
6 M. O'Shea
5 Massa

Goals:
9 Valeri
8 Gibson
5 Brennan
4 McLaren, Purdie
3 R. O'Shea, J. O'Shea
2 Byrne
1 Farrell, Cole
o.g. Mullen (Syd C)

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.

61 Boland
41 Kondarios
40 Jovanovic
39 Lujic
36 Kyriakoulas
35 Ilioski
13 Belic, Milne

12 Hazabent
9 Kakantonis
7 O'Reilly
6 Cozzella
3 Verweij
2 Simic
1 Licanin

Goals:
7 Cozzella
5 Verweij
3 Belic, Lujic, Kondarios
1 Vasic, Milne, Jovanovic, Kakantonis, Boland

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER

72 Yzendoorn
52 McMillan
23 Selemidis
20 Provan
20 Rooney
19 Campbell
17 Paton
16 Yankos
14 Oliver
12 Cole
9 Tansey
5 Rellly
3 Taylor
1 P. Bannon, Monagle

Goals:
16 Cole
8 Paton
6 Campbell
3 Yzendoorn, Bozikas
2 Yankos, McGrory, Taylor
1 Rooney, Selemidis, Tasevski, Tansey, Monagle
o.g. Tymczyszyn (West Adel.)

MARCONI-DATSUN

42 Byrne
34 Henderson
31 Maher

27 Sharne, Jankovics
20 Mariani
12 Housseini
9 Picioane, Krncevic
5 Calderon, Degney
4 Corry
3 Tomasich, Colusso, Hunter

Goals:
6 Sharne, Jankovics
4 Krncevic
2 Johnston, Byrne
1 Muir, Mariani, Picioane

NEWCASTLE KB UTD

58. Senkalski
33. Reaney
27. Bertogna
26. Mason
20. Jones, Drinkwater
16. Channon, Dando, Heys
15. McClelland, Mountford
13. Tredinnick
8. Buckley
5. Storey
3. Curran

Goals:
7. Mountford
5. Senkalski, Heys
3. Drinkwater, Sumner
2. McClelland, Stamp, Buckley, Jones, Channon, Bertogna, Storey
1. Mason, Kamasz, H. Tredinnick

PRESTON-MAKEDONIA

53. Brown
39. Ollerton
37. McMillan
36. Cullen
35. Boyle (22 with W. Adel)
31. Farrell (10 with Can)
26. Lucchesi
20. Wilson (7 with Can), Whittle
13. Kastner
5. Faulkner, Higham
4. Flavelle
3. Clayton, Beech
1. Rainey

Goals:
10. Ollerton
8. Lucchesi
7. Brown
6. Cullen
2. Little, Whittle
1. Ward, Higham, Flavelle
o.g. Fontana (Woll.)

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS

60. Evans
41. Buljevic
30. Shirra
29. Bannon
23. Rogers
22. Stevenson
20. Christopoulos
19. Blair, Laumets
18. Davidson
15. Xanthopoulos
12. Wooddin
10. Lutton
8. Cummings, Campbell

Goals:
14. Evans
7. Christopoulos
3. Cummings, Stevenson, Wooddin, Buljevic, Blair
2. Xanthopoulos
1. Shirra, Davidson, Bannon
o.g.: Hormazabal (Black)

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH

58. Watson
52. Souness, Kosmina
30. Barnes



Steve Wooddin (South Melbourne Hellas)



Clive Campbell (Woolongong)

29. Boden
24. Clarke
18. O'Connor
17. Mullen, Spanos
16. Patikas
12. Murray
10. Robertson
9. Muniz
8. Cant, Pezzano
5. Bruce
Goals:
13. Souness
12. Boden
11. Kosmina, Barnes
4. Watson
2. Gomez, Cant
1. Bruce, O'Connor, Spanos, Mullen, Patikas

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

52. Katholos
46. Ziras
44. Jennings
33. Raskopoulos
18. P. Wilson, K. Wilson
15. Koussas, Redfern
11. Meier
10. Laing
9. Jamieson, Scott
8. Cotton
7. Moulis
5. Rowden
2. Cork

Goals:
11. Koussas
6. K. Wilson
5. Jennings, Raskopoulos
3. Cotton, Redfern
2. Laing, Gavin, Katholos
1. Moulis, Rowden, Cross, Ziras
o.g.: P. Wilson (APIA)

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS

68. Crook
24. Topaz
22. Boyle
21. Bozanic
19. Honeyman
18. Tymczyszyn
14. McGregor
10. Brown, Wright
9. Maricic
7. Lorenzoni
6. Forde
4. McKie
2. Manecas
1. Kambas

Goals:
4. Manecas
3. Boyle, Topaz, Lorenzoni
2. Bozanic, Forde, Honeyman, Smythe
1. McGregor, Brown, Tymczyszyn, Stefanopoulos
o.g.: Perry (Brisb. C)

WOLLONGONG

64. Dunleavy
52. Bertogna (27 with Newc)
48. Tredinnick
35. de Graaf
28. Adam
26. Ainsworth
25. Campbell, Vardareff
23. Lathan
17. McBreen
14. Fleming
11. Preston
8. Fontana
1. Willis

Goals:
7. McBreen
5. Adam
4. Fontana, Lathan, Tredinnick, Campbell
2. Dunleavy, Fleming
1. Morton, de Graaf, Bertogna



Sydney City midfielder Ian Souness (centre) comes to the aid of his fallen keeper Todd Clarke (right) and thwarts the scoring attempt of West Adelaide forward Staslas (on the ground). Steve O'Connor, Sydney City's stopper, is at left.



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TEAM OF THE YEAR

This is "Soccer Action's" 1981 Team of the Year based on votes gained in the Yugoslav Airlines (JAT) Player of the Year award. Runners-up in each position, with votes gained, also are shown.



68 Martyn CROOK

(West Adel Hellas)

67 Greg Woodhouse (APIA)

61 Dennis Boland (JUST)

Last year's team of the year:

Martyn CROOK

(West Adel. Hellas)

Vince BANNON (SM-Hellas)

Jim HERMISTON (Brisb. Lions)

Mike MILOVANOVIC (Canberra)

Jim TANSEY (Heidelberg)

Duncan COLE (Canberra)

Jim CAMPBELL (Heidelberg)

Murray BARNES (Syd. C. Hakoah)

Joe WATSON (Syd. C. Hakoah)

Ken BODEN (Syd. C. Hakoah)

George CAMPBELL (SM-Hellas)

1979 team of the year: Crook (W.Ad.) — Perry (Br.C), Prakelo (Marc), Potter (Br.C), Curran (Newc) — Campbell (H'berg), Rooney (H'berg), Jankovics (Marc) — Boden (Newc), Buljevic (H'berg), Lujic (JUST).
 1978 team of the year: Crook (W.Ad.) — B. Nyskohus (Ad.C), Perry (Br.C), Kambas (W.Ad), Degney (Marc) — Boyle (W.Ad), McGachey (W.Ad), Vieri (Marc) — Sharne (Marc), Boden (Newc), Lujic (JUST).
 1977 team of the year: Crook (W.Ad.) — Pye (SM-Hellas), Herniation (Br.C), Wilson (West Subs), Reynolds (W.Ad) — Richards (Marc), Barnes (Syd. C), Rooney (Marc) — Watson (Syd. C), Smith (Syd. C), Buljevic (H'berg).



52 Arthur McMILLAN

(Heidelberg)

42 Bobby Russell (Ad.C)

42 Paul O'Connell (Br.L)



82 Jim HERMISTON

(Brisb. Lions)

72 John Yzendoorn (H'berg)

72 Terry Byrne (Canberra)



77 Peter WILSON

(APIA)

67 Col Bennett (Br.L)

64 Chris Dunleavy (Woll)



44 Bugsy NYSKOHUS

(Adel. City Juve)

26 Jeff Ainsworth (Woll)

24 Bill Wilkinson (Br.C)



58 Joe
SENKALSKI
(Newcastle KB)
42 Larry Gaffney (Br.C)
34 Duncan Cole (Can)



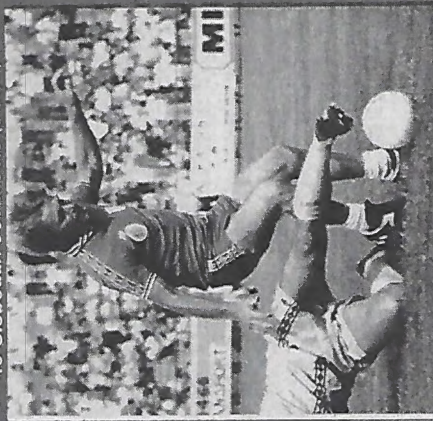
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SOUNESS
(Syd. City Hakoah)
42 Gary Byrne (Marconi)
40 Slobodan Jovanovic (JUSTR)



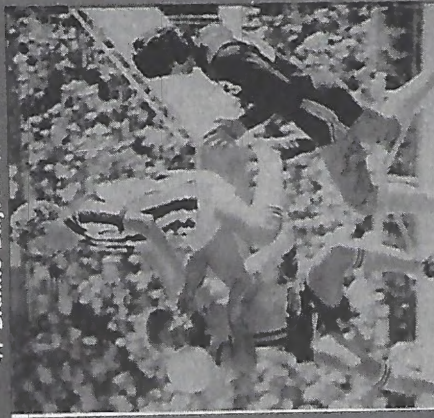
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KATHOLOS
(Syd. Olympic)
48 Peter Tredinnick (Woll)
41 Branko Buljevic (SM-Hellas)



58 Joe
WATSON
(Syd. City Hakoah)
55 Phil O'Connor (APIA)
41 Tony Brennan (Can)



60 Alun
EVANS
(SM-Hellas)
59 Paul Burrows (Black)
52 John Kosmina (SC-Hak)



78 David
MITCHELL
(Adel. C. Juventus)
53 Doug Brown (Makedonia)
44 Graham Jennings (Syd. Olympic)



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THOMASTOWN

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Late in 1971 a small group of Italian followers of the famous soccer team A. C. Milan formed a club in the Thomastown-Epping-Lalor area with the aim one day to have a team in Melbourne that could carry with distinction the red and black colours.

This seemed only a dream, a fantasy of a few people who believed that with hard work and dedication one day there would be such a team in Melbourne.

Now, almost 10 years later, we have seen the rise of Thomastown to the ranks of the Metropolitan League.

Today Thomastown is a power in Victorian soccer, perhaps not in playing standard but surely in organization and future potential. This year, for the second time in a row, the Red Devils of Partridge Reserve have won the first and reserve premierships of the Provisional League and next year the club will campaign in the Metro. League.

Some Philistines may say that there have been other clubs with the same meteoric rise but we must remember that until the end of 1977 the Victorian Soccer Federation did not have the present promotion system.

In the mid 70's Thomastown dominated the District League scene winning two premierships before the club could not gain admittance to the Provisional League. In fact by today's standards Thomastown lost four years in its quest to play in the highest ranks of Victorian Soccer - State League. But the club never complained. It waited until the right time came and when the doors for promotion were opened the club started the wheels moving with military precision.

Rather than buy its way to the top as other clubs have done, and at times with disastrous results, the Thomastown club has built its strength on the ability of its committee and members.

Nick Iacobucci once said: "Time was not lost, experience was gained". These words clearly indicate the philosophy of Thomastown and its members.

Step by step the club, with the help of supporters and the Whiteless Shire Council, has built a magnificent soccer complex at Partridge Reserve. The club is most grateful to the Shire of Whiteless and in particular to councillors Michael and Smith who have always helped in upgrading the standards of grounds and the pavilion.

But the club does not take things for granted. All the committee members are always working to improve facilities for players, members, spectators and officials. At present, work is being carried out in the bar and members' areas. As the club will host this year's Coppa Italia, the most important soccer tournament in Melbourne for Italian Clubs, this year's general elections have been put forward by a month so that the new committee (even though there may not be many new faces) can have more time to organize this mini "world cup".

After all the tradition of the club must be respected. At Partridge Reserve only the best will do.

The success of Thomastown lies in its administrators who have guided the red and blacks towards the peak of Victorian soccer with intelligence, patience and humility. At Thomastown there never has been room for individuals and in moments of crisis the Alexander Dumas cry has been heard around the camp: "All for one and one for all".

At a time when there is uncertainty in Australian soccer, clubs like Thomastown bring forward a sense of security, of great expectations and success.

Stability is the keynote at Thomastown. In 10 years there have been only two presidents. Carlo Valmoride from 1972 to 1974 and Nick Iacobucci who has been unchallenged at the helm of the club since 1975 and who seems destined to be at Partridge Reserve until he collects his pension.

Thomastown (Thomastown-Epping-Lalor) Soccer Club was registered with the VSF in 1972 and always has played at Partridge Reserve.

In 1974 the Red Devils won their first premiership under the leadership of former Juventus player Leo Divalentino. The following year the club bettered this performance by winning, undefeated, its second premiership this year being coached by the great Juventus player Johnny Bressan.

In 1975 TEL played 22 games with 18 wins and 4 draws, scoring 78 goals and conceding only 17. But these performances were not enough to have the club admitted to the Provisional League.

Some of the players of this era were: R. Amuso, D. Amuso, Sammarco, Roma, P. Vangeli, G. Vangeli, Biciaccia, Lottia, J. Spalata, C. Spalata, Carnovale, C. Rizzo, F. Fragale, R. Zuanetti, L. Divalentino, Mizzi and Alberton.

In 1976 Thomastown reached the final of the District League Cup and over 4,000 spectators watched this game at Olympic Park. With 15 minutes left to play Thomastown led 2-1 but then the bottom fell out of the side and Royal Park won 4-2 in extra time. That year the club installed floodlights around the ground, a new car park was constructed and provision was made for approximately 4,000 spectators, making Partridge Reserve one of the best equipped soccer grounds in Melbourne.

1976 also saw the resurrection of the Coppa Italia tournament in Melbourne and Thomastown reached the semi-finals. Two of its players dominated the voting for best players and Joe Carnovale beat Rocky Amuso for the "Il Globo Cup" being awarded to the best and fairest player of the tournament.

In 1977 Thomastown finally was admitted to the Provisional League finishing third in the premiership race. At the end of the season the red devils won the Greensborough Cup against strong opposition.

In 1978 with Claudio Korlevic still coach the club started the season in great fashion and halfway through the premiership race was well poised for promotion. Then Korlevic had to go overseas and the team lost valuable points and at



The Thomastown squad that won the coveted Coppa Italia in 1980. Back Row: Livio Senna (treasurer), Marcello D'Amico (Sporting Director), Sandro Scartozzi (sponsor), Giuseppe Lia, Frank Dallas, Gary Brooks, Mauro Borin, Philip Taverna, Mauro Raponi, Bill Traikopoulos, Chris Karamitanis (captain), Angelo Zuanetti, Peter Kandi, Peter Balassone (coach), Peter Arcorace (massager). Front Row: Gildo Di Paolo (vice president), Martin Cometti (secretary), Vince Tavoraro, Angelo Gasparini, Harry Papadopoulos, Charlie Rizzo, Gerry Vangeli, Maurizio Comar, Seb. Magnano, Eddie Hebble, Nick Iacobucci (president).



AC Milan, the club on which Thomastown has modelled itself, boasted one of the world's greatest teams in 1969. Pictured above it was, standing from left: Prati, Rivera, Malatrasi, Rosato, Maldara, Schnellinger, Cudicini. Front: Sormani, Hamrin, Anquiletti and Lodetti.

the end of the season Thomastown finished third for the second year running.

In the Italia Cup the young red devils surprised all good judges by beating Fawkner in the semi final 2-1 only to lose 3-0 to the powerful Juventus side in the final.

The better players of this period were: Amuso, Spadaro, G. Vangeli, P. Vangeli, N. Kandi, H. Pirovoulos, H. Papadopoulos, C. Karamitanis, J. Rossetto, G. Guglielmi, J. Lia, R. Mizzi, C. Rizzo, J. Carnovale, A. Zuanetti, R. Zuanetti, M. Caizzo, C. Agariata, J. Spalata.

After having missed promotion by a whisker for the second time in a row the club decided that it was time to take stock and start a long range campaign in its pursuit toward higher divisions.

Martino "Dean" Ma Jun Cometti was nominated secretary and he has proved a most valuable and astute administrator. Claudio Korlevic was reappointed coach and from Fawkner came sporting director Marcello D'Amico who with Tony Faggi had led the Jukes Road club to its first premiership.

Charlie Rizzo and Ray Mizzi decided to try their luck at George Cross but the club signed the following new players.

P. Taverna (Regent), L. Ianni (Regent), Dzanoski (Regent), V. Tavoraro (E. Brunswick), M. Comar (Preston Makedonia), B. Traikopoulos (Collingwood City).

The beginning of the season saw Thomastown destroy its opposition winning the first 10 games including cup and premiership encounters. After six premiership games Thomastown was leading the competition undefeated but then disaster struck and in the space of a few weeks nine players were put on the sidelines with severe injuries. Once again promotion was lost.

In 1979 Juventus organized the Coppa Italia and Thomastown offered its facilities to the black and white committee. On the field the inexperienced red devils did very well reaching the quarter finals in the same group as Juventus but due to the competition system, which now has been scrapped, these two sides met in the quarter final. The day before the game Korlevic resigned with the inevitable result that the team could not perform at its top and was soundly beaten.

As always the committee did not lose hope and immediately went to work for the following season. Marcello D'Amico remained as sporting director and the coach was Peter Balassone, the former Juventus and Triestina player. Balassone had previously coach-

ed Nunawading United, Nunawading City, Fawkner (twice) and Regent. D'Amico and Balassone had been together for short spells at Regent where they had formed a strong partnership and had taken this club to the Provisional League and semi-finals of the Coppa Italia.

In the search for success the club decided to sign young players who could give the club many years of service and who would follow instructions to the letter. From Fawkner came Frank Dallas, from Western Suburbs Eddie Hebble, from George Cross Charlie Rizzo and from Juventus four juniors who had won the under-13 premiership. These promising players were: Mauro Raponi (goalkeeper), Angelo Gasparini (midfielder), Mauro Borin (defender) and Gary Brooks (forward).

1980 began in a blaze of glory and Thomastown surprised everyone by winning the Peninsula Cup against Frankston City, Doveton and Rosebud.

The players were working very hard during training sessions and Balassone and D'Amico always were bringing forward new ideas.

The first defeat of the season came against Sunbury in the quarter final of the Provisional League Cup when in the last minute of the game the old fox Ian Reid pushed Karamitanis and the ball into the net and the referee awarded the goal.

The following week the premiership race started against Carlton and for the second game in a row Thomastown lost by the odd goal in three. This was the last official game that Thomastown lost until June 1981, a winning sequence of over forty games! At the end of the season the team had accumulated 38 points out of a possible 40 with 17 wins, two draws and one solitary defeat. The team scored 66 times and conceded only 13 goals.

The premiership had been won with a seven points advantage over Carlton and 13 over Langwarrin. At last the club had gained promotion to the first division of the Provisional League. The reserves, coached by Joe Lia, also won the premiership and the final of the Provisional Reserve Cup against Langwarrin.

Before the Coppa Italia the club won 12 major trophies winning all competitions it had entered excluding the elusive Provisional Cup. But the biggest triumph had yet to come.

Balassone and D'Amico devised the hardest possible training sessions. Players had to endure tremendous pressure but no one complained, everyone knew that to win the Coppa Italia sacrifices had to be made. Thomastown had dominated the Provisional League but the experts were saying that the Coppa Italia belonged to the elite and TEL was excluded from the top seedings of the four groups.

Without raising a sweat the team disposed of Nunawading (6-2), Triestina (3-0) and Vermont (2-0) in the elimination rounds. In the first semi-final East Brunswick was accounted for by 3-1.

The final was to be played against Juventus who had defeated Fawkner 4-3 in a titanic struggle. Juventus fielded its strongest team including Incantalupo, Smith, Henry, Greany, McGuinness, Tarquinio and so on. Against this array of players Balassone and D'Amico sent out a team of youngsters.

For 60 minutes the two teams were deadlocked in a 0-0 draw even though Thomastown had the better of general play. Suddenly Smith Reserve exploded when 16 years old Seb Magnano scored for Thomastown. Juventus, with its stars expected to come back and take over but TEL skipper Karamitanis scored the second goal with a great header.

With three minutes to go McGuinness reduced the deficit but immediately Magnano beat Fantoma after disposing of four defenders.

The Coppa Italia had been won, the impossible had been achieved, at last Thomastown had proved that it was a great side. The winning team was: Raponi, Traikopoulos, Borin, Karamitanis, Rizzo, Dallas, Comar, Hebble, Brooks, Magnano, Tavoraro. Other players used were: Taverna, Kandi, Gary Vangeli (came on in the final), Papadopoulos (best and fairest who was away on honeymoon during the final), Lia, Gasparini and A. Zuanetti.

For the second time in five years two Thomastown players won the best and fairest and runner up trophies. They were Frank Dallas and Vince Tavoraro.

At the end of the season Marcello D'Amico left to coach Bulleen and Balassone was reappointed coach with Joe Lia still in charge of the reserves.

In 1981 the club strengthened its already strong first team squad by signing George Krasas from Ringwood City and Tony Cosentino from Regent, one of the best defenders in Victoria and easily up to State League standard.

This time Thomastown started favourite and after some strong opposition from Mooroolbark and South Oakleigh, Balassone led Thomastown to the premiership for the second year running. Lia did the same with the reserves. The first team finished with 38 points with 15 wins, five draws and two defeats. The forward line scored 47 goals (Krasas being the top scorer with 19) and Raponi conceded only 14 goals taking the total to 27 goals against in two seasons.

This year the club is organising the Coppa Italia and is very anxious to do very well both on and off the field. Knowing the ability of Nick Iacobucci and his men Thomastown will put on a great tournament and the soccer team should give a good account of itself.

Now the club is looking forward to 1982 and the years after. Balassone should still be in charge of the first team, depending on business pressure, but knowing the convincing ability of Iacobucci, Cometti and Di Paolo, the popular coach will be at Partridge Reserve for a long time to come.

Some players will stay, some may go because in sport to be successful new blood must be infused in the team otherwise it will go stale. Players of the calibre of Philip Pagliuso of Northcote could fit the bill without any problems. For this reason any player who wishes to join Thomastown is welcome to do so anytime.

The success of Thomastown during 1980 and 1981 must be attributed in part to a near perfect raid on the player market and we are confident that in 1982 Balassone will have at his disposal a nucleus of players capable of continuing the victorious march towards State League.

The committee and friends, like Harman & Artolissi, will furnish the necessary funds to buy players required. But it is never gone beyond its financial means.

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Marcello D'Amico (right, sporting director in 1979, 1980) and Peter Baiassone (left, coach 1980, 1981) guided the club to its greatest year in 1980. Could they be altogether again with the Red Devils in 1982?

Thomastown



Nino De Marino. Midfielder. Date of Birth 16.7.64. (From junior ranks).



Eddie Hebble. Forward. Date of Birth 22.5.56. (From Western Suburbs 1980).



Tony Cosentino. Defender-Midfielder. Date of Birth 12.6.59. (From Regent 1981).



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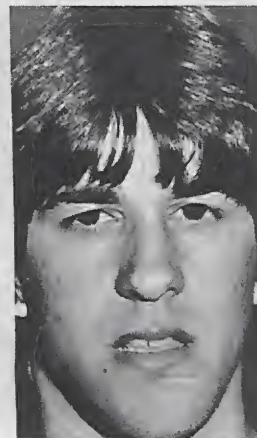
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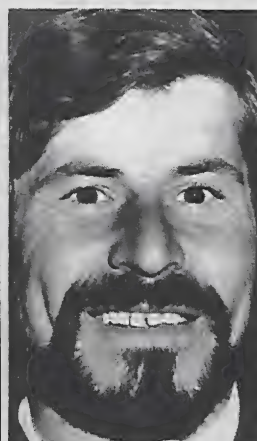
Mauro Borin. Defender. Date of Birth 2.11.60. (From Juventus 1980).



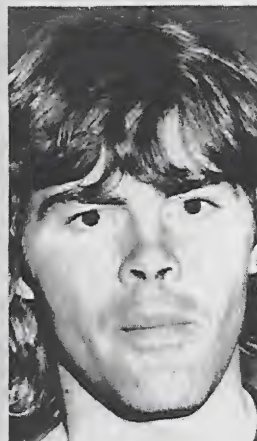
Mauro Raponi. Goalkeeper. Date of Birth 18.2.61. (From Juventus 1980).



Maurizio Comar. Midfielder-Forward. Date of Birth 8.12.58. (From Macedonia 1979).



Giuseppe Lia. Midfielder. Date of Birth (From Central Brunswick 1978).



Gary Brooks. Forward. Date of Birth 17.7.60. (From Juventus 1980).



George Kreskas. Forward. Date of Birth 12.3.54. (From Ringwood City 1981).

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Harry Papadopoulos.
Midfielder. Date of Birth
4.8.57. (From South Mel-
bourne 1978).



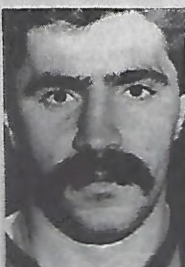
Charlie Rizzo. Defender.
Date of Birth 31.8.49.
(From George Cross
1980).



Some members of the 1981 committee. Standing, from left: A. Fragale, S. Cataldo, P. Pacca, G. Nicolazzo. Sitting, from left: G. De Paolo (vice president), Nick Iacobucci (president), M. Cometti (secretary), G. Liistro (junior secretary).

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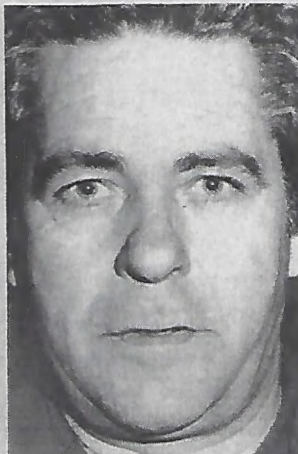
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Soccer Club 1981 Com-
mittee.**
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Gildo Di Paolo (vice presi-
dent).
Martino Cometti (secretary).
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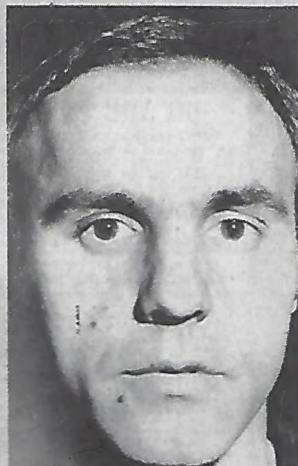
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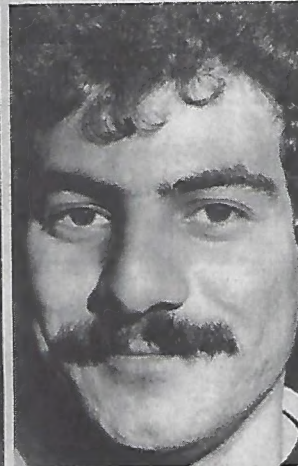
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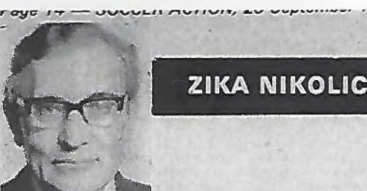
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PRESTON MAKEDONIA — FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2:2 (1:1)
 Prosle nedelje, na igralistu Makedonija u Prestonu, pred 1500 gledalaca, na prekrasnom suncanom danu bez vetra, prva od dvaju utakmica za prestiz izmedju Makedonije i JUST-a zavrila se neršenim rezultatom od 2:2, prvo poluvremeno 1:1.

Od pocetka do kraja igra je bila vrlo uzbudljiva, na momente i ostrta, i nimalo se nije razlikovala od utakmica prole sezone kad se igralo za bodove, kad su rezultati odlucivali plasman na tabeli drzavnog prvenstva Australije.

Sto je Makedonija na ovoj utakmici izvivka neršen rezultat moze zahvaliti kako svom jedino datom prvom gol-ku kad je Brownov sut sa 20 metara Boland neobajljivo upustio u svoj gol — tako jos vise JUST-ovim propustenim zlatnim sansama.

Takva prilika za gol bila je kad se Cuzzella potpuno sam i slobodan nasao na nekoliko metara pred nemocnim golmanom Makedonije Claytonom, pa umesto u mrezu, optu plasirao — cizav metar pored gola, na zaprepenec svih.

Nekoliko minuta kasnije, Circkovic je imao razloga da cupa kosu jos jedanput. Presavla dva igrace, sada se Verjel nasao u istoj situaciji u kojoj je Cuzzella bio. No i on je, imitirajući Cuzzellu do kraja, sutirao mekanu, kao mace, i isto toliko, pored gola.

Kulminacija promasanih sansi odigrala se tri minuta pred kraj utakmice. Kojlje je, na savrsen pas Jovanovica kroz rupu uletio u bekovski prostor i ustremio se na gol. Samo, ovom prilikom je otpozadi i bez pardona bio srusen. Sudija je, bez dvojimljenja, svirao i paku.

Iliovki je puzljivo namestao loptu, uzelo levo zalet, a onda jos lepse, kao iz topa pucao u samo dno leve statve. Od silnoga suta, odbila se i lopta silovito u polje.

Circkovic je iscupao jos jedan pramen kose, pa ako JUST-ovi igraci ovako nastave i iduce subote (kad se na Footscrayu igra druga utakmica za prestiz), obistice se ono sto je jedan navijac JUST-a, Inace clinic, proroek na pocetku ove sezone kad je rekao: "kad se sve bude zavrсило ove godine, trener JUST-a ce ne osetiti nego ocalivati."

Makedonija je pokazala da ima dobre igrace, da ume da igra, i sto je najvaznije, da se ova igra, bez obzira koliko je protivnik nadmocan, nikad ne predaje. Iz odbrane se brzo i silovito prelazi u protivnapad, a na gol se puca iz svih pozicija i iz svih uglova.

Stari lasic Orlerton, loptu datim iz jednacujucim golom pokazao je jos jedanput da mu je JUST-ova mreza najmilija. Monotono i skoro bez izuzetka proturi u nju po gol dva. Iduce subote, 20 o.m., u revans utakmici koja ce odluciti pobednika (a odluciti i koji klub nosi \$2,000.00, odnosno, ciji igraci, ce prestiz i svoje uboljajene premije bonusom zasladiti na Schindler Reserveci ce se u predgri, u 1. polu, po podne, sastati JUST-ov tim iz Druge Divizije V.S.F. i tim Brastva i Jedinstva iz Srinvala.

Navijaci Brastva i Jedinstva nakon jeni su da misle — a tako i stalno tvrde — da je njihov tim bolji od ovog JUST-ovog. To ce se znati iduce subote... Ali ne bi bilo zgorog da na umu imaju onu tako dobro poznatu:

"Tvrđ je orah vocka cudnovata!
 "Ne slomi ga, al' zube polomi!"

Posmatrajuci po prvi put Kojlicu i Popovica, koje je JUST doveo iz Jugoslavije pre dva meseca, a koji ce noci da igraju za JUST-a tek iduce sezone, moemo moći da se ne obradujemo Kojlicijevom dolasku. Kakvi su pak prospekti Popovica, tesko je reci. Izgledao nam je spor i nesiguran. Kojlje, na desnom krilu, u svemu toliko je nalik na Lujicu, da se moglo pomisliti da je Lujic promenio mesto, a ne da je otutan.

I novajz njevim svakom igracu treba vremena da se uigra, a dvojica noviljka ne mogu biti, u tom pogledu, nikakav izuzetak.

Rummenigge and Dalglish score

Liverpool and Bayern Munich produced typically efficient, if unspectacular, displays in their European Cup first-round, first-leg soccer ties in Scandinavia.

Liverpool and Bayern, both three-time winners of the cup, scored 1-0 victories over un-rated opponents to leave themselves with the simplest of tasks in the second leg in two weeks' time.

Bayern beat Swedish champion Oestrs Vaxjoe with a 75th minute penalty from European footballer of the year Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, while Liverpool strofled to a similar win over Finland's Oulu Palloseura, Kenny Dalglish notching the only goal six minutes from the end.

Athlone celebrated its debut in the European Cup by drawing 1-1 with KB Copenhagen in Denmark, despite playing with just 10 men for 74 minutes after Padraig O'Connor was ordered off for flooring Stig Andersen.

Andertrecht underlined Belgium's emergence as a major power in the sport with a stunning 4-1 win against Widzew Lodz in Poland.

EUROPEAN CUP, First round, first leg — Universitatea Craiova (Rum) 3, Olympiakos Piraeus (Gr) 0; Ballymena (N Ire) 0, Roma (It) 2; KB Copenhagen (Den) 1, Athlone Town (IRE) 1; Start Kristiansand (Nor) 1, AZ 67 (Alkmaar) (Neth) 3; Progrès Niedercorn (Lux) 1, Gjøsterås (N Ire) 1; Caka Sofia (Bulg) 1, Real Sociedad (Sp) 0; Oulu Palloseura (Fin) 0, Liverpool (Eng) 1; Hibernians (Malta) 1, Red Star Belgrade (Lug) 2; Widzen Lodz (Pol) 1, Anderlecht (Belg) 4; Dynamo Kiev (USSR) 1, Rangers (Sco) 2; Borussia Dortmund (Ger) 3, Zurich (Switz) 0; Celtic (Sco) 1, Juventus (It) 0; Aston Villa (Eng) 5, Bala (Wale) 0; Austria Vienna (Austria) 3; Partizan Tirana (Alb) 1, Dester Vaxjo (Swe) 0.

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Junior Soccer Action

Dunkerley's State side triumphant

Tony Dunkerley's Victorian under-14's won the 1981 national championships winning seven games in as many days.

This is the second consecutive year that Dunkerley's state side has been unbeaten in the national junior titles. He coached the under-13's last year and they were pipped on the championship post by goal difference.

This year Dunkerley took his side to Mt. Isa Queensland. The youngsters flew out of wet and windy Melbourne to contest a week-long tournament held in searing heat with temperatures topping the 30° Celsius mark every day but the superb conditioning of the Vics and their high skill level paid dividends.

These factors never were more apparent than in Victoria's clash with Northern NSW. The northerners led 3-2 with 10 minutes to go then vice-captain Victor Cristaldo levelled. Minutes remained when Cristaldo set up captain Jimmy Pasakos who clinched Victoria's remarkable comeback by scoring to make it 4-3.

The nucleus of Dunkerley's side was based upon last year's under-13's. He kept the boys together after the 1980 national titles in Newcastle, training them up until last Christmas. The squad got together again in April this year after the regional trials and the boys trained with Dunkerley every Monday night and Saturday morning. Two intensive day long sessions were held at Middle Park in the last week of August before the squad left for the championships.

Dunkerley has a high opinion of his side.

"I think the nucleus of the side soon could perform well at Phillips Youth League level and go on to become senior PSL players. The proviso is that these boys are properly handled over the next three years," he said.

"I'd like to see senior coaches at top clubs spend more time with boys in representative teams. These coaches must establish a scouting system and a professional youth development policy at their clubs."

"You know 15 of my under-14 state squad are Australian born boys and every boy in the Australian youth squad has played junior representative soccer in this country."

"I'd like to see top clubs in Melbourne getting together and financing one team to play in the Phillips Youth League. The coaching philosophy of top clubs should focus upon getting as many local lads as possible into their senior teams."

Results:

N.S.W. 2 v W.A. 0
 A.C.T. 0 v Q.L.D. 4
 V.I.C. 1 v S.A. 0
 N.T. 1 v N.N.S.W. 4

Q.L.D. 0 v S.A. 1
 W.A. 0 v V.I.C. 1
 N.S.W. 2 v N.N.S.W. 0
 A.C.T. 1 v N.T. 3

N.T. 1 v V.I.C. 3
 N.S.W. 0 v Q.L.D. 1
 A.C.T. 0 v S.A. 3
 W.A. 6 v N.N.S.W. 1

S.A. 1 v N.N.S.W. 0
 N.T. 2 v W.A. 4
 N.S.W. 3 v A.C.T. 0
 V.I.C. 1 v Q.L.D. 0

W.A. 4 v A.C.T. 0
 N.N.S.W. 3 v V.I.C. 4
 Q.L.D. 5 v N.T. 0
 N.S.W. 1 v S.A. 0

N.S.W. 0 v V.I.C. 1
 S.A. 6 v N.T. 0
 N.N.S.W. 2 v A.C.T. 2
 Q.L.D. 0 v W.A. 1

N.N.S.W. 3 v Q.L.D. 0
 N.S.W. 5 v N.T. 0
 S.A. 2 v W.A. 0
 V.I.C. 2 v A.C.T. 0



• The all conquering Victorian under-14's with the clubs from which they were selected. Back row, left to right: 7 Dunkerley (coach), Mark Alevis (Albury), Greg Simons (Sunshine City), Slobodan Bozovic (Altona City), Vi Cristaldo (Kielor City), Ross Carozza (Meadow Park), Robert Markovic (Croatia), Paris Tzambasis (Albion Ro-

KIELOR UNDER 10

These boys have played 15 games this year and are unbeaten, scoring 82 goals for and 4 against.

They are from top:
 P. TAM, D. RADOBULJAC, N. BOICOUITAC, F. PULITANO, E. ZSEMBURY, A. MONSONE, FRONT ROW: V. PULITANO, C. McEVY, F. SCULLI, S. MARINO, G. NIGRO, J. ZSEMBURY.
 MISSING IS CAPTAIN R. BUTTIGIED.

The boys have been coached for the last two years by Jimmy McEvoy.

THEY'RE HOME

The students of Homebush Boys High School recently took out top honors by winning the 25th under 16 Schools' Soccer Cup.

The Cup, held during the second term of the school year is open to all schools in the Sydney metropolitan area. Sixty-four schools took part this year, indicating the growth of soccer in schools.

The boys of Homebush High are pictured after being presented with their Cup and cheque for \$800 from 25M. The school defeated James Cook Boys High in a hard fought final, at Englefield Sports Stadium, Dural. Homebush won the match 3 goals to 2.



DO YOU REMEMBER THEM?

Ollie Norris (left), and Albert Merrills (rear) are eager to identify the boys in this picture, and have asked "Soccer Action" for help. They are the Victorian under 16 team of 1962. Norris coached them and Merrills was team manager. But memory fades over the years, and so Norris and Merrills are keen to hear from whoever can identify the whole team. It includes at bottom left the great Attila Abonyi and, standing, second from right, Mike Olinowski, now player-coach of Ardeer. If you can help, write to "Soccer Action," 803 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

Hat-trick heroes

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What is modern soccer?

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- The seven elements of modern soccer are:
1. Physical readiness (all components of physical fitness: speed, stamina and strength)
 2. Willing characteristics (pugnacity, morale, submission to collective tasks, the desire to learn and progress etc.)
 3. Adaptation to the game (technical and tactical abilities of all individuals)
 4. Defence play
 5. Attacking play
 6. Ability to play in the air
 7. Experience

Quick thinking and quick manoeuvres
Players always must strive to improve their qualities as individuals. Knowledge is one of the most important elements of soccer. It is gained through singleness of purpose.

You have to have a large number of players with knowledge, intelligence and individually for soccer players can independently solve problems during play.

Almost all the teams are physical fit. When they play away they defend with ten players. That means that you must attack them with the same number of players if you want to score a goal. Then, however, you leave your opponents 50-60 metres of space for counter-attacks which are very dangerous.

The whole philosophy of modern soccer comprises creating and using free space which is achieved only with quick thinking and quick manoeuvres.

If players aren't able to use their technique at speed, their ability to adapt to new situations isn't adequate. Pattern play in soccer may have been thrown off, but principles of play do exist and they have to be mastered.

Players must respect themselves, especially if it's a question of speed in running and passing the ball. Defensive players also must play offensively while still seeing what goes on behind them.

It is necessary to perform as a team not individually, and not to play in too much width because that play is slow and major neglects occur.

It is necessary that the players from the defence add themselves to the attack. Accordingly the midfield must move over as quickly as possible so that the attack finishes the action before the opponents settle.

Once again speed abilities in modern soccer are very important.

Goal in the first plan

In considering how to score one goal more than the opponent, we must be aware that from a good defence follows offensive play.

What is modern soccer? What are the requirements, both tactical and physical? These are questions to which the average spectator should have answers so that he can better appreciate the game from the terraces. As a service to the soccer fan, "Soccer Action" asked coach ROCCO ILLE to outline briefly what the modern game is all about. Ille was a star forward with Yugoslav and Pan Hellenic, and has coached Foot-scray J.U.S.T. and Essendon Croatia.

To be able to attack, it is necessary first that defensive problems are solved properly. To be able to attack it is necessary to have the ball, which means that it must be taken away from the opponents.

It is necessary to find the best method and always to improve it. The players must learn every day. The more talented should be able to understand and capture more quickly the threads of play, but talent by itself, without work, doesn't mean a thing.

Individual actions should be allowed as a way to the goal, but to delude and dribble without creating a chance or scoring a goal would only torment yourself, your fellow-players and the fans.

It is necessary always to work on improving your centre cross, your play in the air, shots at goal from distances, speed in switching the ball from side to side. All of those functions have to be performed at the right time.

It is necessary to solve technical problems and then the problem of scoring goals will be solved. It is necessary that every player has his freedom in performing, but with one restriction - that it's performed within the framework of the team and for the team.

That again means that in play, basic principles are to be respected. These are the transformation from defence to attack and the other way around, simultaneously performing counter-attacks, which again means that speed abilities in modern soccer are very important.

If the methods of preparations and training are to be adequate, the coach must know very well the basic principles of training, structure of play, and the physical limits to which the player pushes himself during competition. On the basis of these principles, the coach prepares his players.

Intensity of work during play

A match lasts 90 minutes of which the ball is in play 50-60 minutes. During that time a player

carries out activities at maximum intensity for periods of 5-8 seconds (sprints, accelerations, tests for the ball and similar) in between activities of moderate intensity (slow running and walking and similar).

These changes in work intensity during play demand a large consumption of energy.

Every player knows how difficult it is after some sprints to urge himself once more to perform intensive movement.

How much does a player run during a match
A player during a match runs between 6500-11000 metres. Naturally that depends on the role and the position of the player in the team. Of that, sprints and acceleration of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 metres number about a hundred (straight and zig-zag running) which amounts up to 2000-3000 metres. For this kind of work a player uses up 5-7 minutes. For slow running he uses up 25-35 min. and for walking 45-55 min.

During that moderate work (slow running and walking) a player recharges his reserve energy which he used during his maximum intensive work.

A defender during a match tackles his opponent about 16-20 times. That is only duel play on the surface (interceptions, clearances, blocking the ball and dribbling). A midfielder has 17-28 of these sorts of duels, of which six are dribbles.

A forward has 12-22 duels of which half consist of dribbling.

During a match a player heads the ball on average 3-6 times. Midfielders and forwards during a match have an average 3-3 shots at goal.

Pulse as an indicator of burden

Pulse is a good indicator of burden to show the endurance of a player during a match. The players pulse in a match ranges from 130-200 beats per min.

Over the total duration of a match the frequency of the pulse is 160-180 beats per min. for 45 min. and 180 for 22 min.

The average pulse during a match is between 170-175 beats per min. That is a very large burden, which demands mobilisation of all potential.

Taking this into account it is necessary to plan training for intensive, short work with pauses during which the player is able to recover.

Special preparation tasks can be performed with the help of exercises with the balls as they are similar to play, but with that sort of training it is necessary to combine exercise without the ball as well.

SPLIT AUTO REPAIRS O ANSETT 2 (Malolo, Kovacek), Victorian Industrial League Black Douglas Cup final at Middle Park.

SPLIT, M. Franje, D. Alimic, N. Vasic, M. Dimic, N. Yegovic, M. Vasic, I. Turic, I. Iest, F. Franje, F. Cudjari, Z. Turk, M. Cudjari, E. Gajnar, N. Cotic, I. Milanovic, S. Bilic.
ANSETT, M. Attard, S. Timpano, P. Power, S. Power, G. Haynes, W. Runciman, F. Loughran, I. Llewellyn, B. Malolo, F. Kovacek, R. Llewellyn, C. Carmichael, J. Shawyer, J. Timpano.

The Black Douglas Cup final between Split Auto Repairs and Ansett got off to a steady start with both sides feeling one another out. Short and tentative passing was the order of the day with neither side prepared to go flat out.

A well-constructed move ended with Runciman forcing a corner and before the danger was properly cleared Leaves crossed to the far post and Malolo, cutting in from the right, crashed the ball into the roof of the net from 8 yards to give Ansett a 1-0 lead in the ninth minute.

A 25-yard drive from the right crashed against the inside angle of the crossbar and far post for Split and I. Ceslar hit the rebound high over the bar to miss a golden opportunity of levelling the score.

Following two abortive attacks by Split, Ansett came back into attack and missed narrowly. A corner by Malolo of Ansett was beautifully taken by keeper Franje but he spoiled it by dropping the ball and Haynes of Ansett should have scored easily but a Split defender cleared off the line.

Ansett set up several well-constructed attacks and Split countered quickly but unfortunately appeared to have only one idea in these counter-attacks and that was to put the ball straight up the middle.

S. Power and Haynes of Ansett, playing a double sweeper game, easily dealt with these centre thrusts. On one of these occasions a swift counter-attack by Isak took him past three Ansett defenders before delivering a hard low shot which Attard saved well. In another concerted attack by

Ansett, G. Power put Kovacek through and his cross was gathered by Malolo who, under pressure, slipped the ball back to G. Power and he in turn lobbed the ball over to Kovacek who headed in neatly to give Ansett a comfortable 2-1 lead.

Malolo took a corner for Ansett which achieved little but in a swift counter-attack Split raced to the other end and over-elaboration was again their undoing. Vlavic let loose a 25-yard block-buster which brought another brilliant save from Attard just before the interval.

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Middle Park came to a goal but keeper Papas was equal to the occasion. Half time arrived with both teams all scorers.

Middle Park kicked off in the second half sweeping through Clifton Hill's defence and should have scored but N. Tanner's final flick presented no problem to keeper Papas. After 8 minutes play Papadopoulos of Clifton Hill was substituted for Andriopoulos.

Both sides were weak in mid-field where they lacked constructive players and as a result few positive efforts evolved from either attack. A great cross by Coyne for Middle Park was met by N. Tanner but his header hit the bar and went over. Tanner was again prominent with a fine low cross but defenders and attackers all missed and the danger was cleared.

Voulgaris worked hard to get his forward moving but first time methods by Storey and Company of Middle Park kept Dukovic well covered. Full time arrived with a blank score sheet which accurately reflected the even balance of the game.

The match continued in extra time where a great run and accurate cross by Clayton of Middle Park was missed by Hulley when no more than 2 yards from goal.

McGroarty of Middle Park came on as a replacement for Hulley and the action continued. Clifton Hill went close when Voulgaris jumped in to cross from Tsigradis but Dukovic tipped it away in the nick of time.

Christy of Middle Park replaced Halla before the start of the second half of extra time. It was Clifton Hill's turn to go close when Voulgaris, best player on the ground, easily beat two defenders but his finishing shot was well held by Dukovic.

Extra time ended with the teams locked in a goalless draw and so on to the taking of kicks from penalty. Middle Park scored first with Clifton Hill making it 1-1 all. When Middle Park had scored 5 the pressure was really on Clifton Hill and their half was won just the wrong side of the post to make Middle Park the 1981 Invitation Cup winners.



This is the St. Albans Wanderers team that won the championship in Division Three West of the Victorian Industrial League. From left: Pino Dukic, Rodney Lukic, Mane Bjalic, Edward Stefan, Joe Marth (captain), Rudi Kiefer, Nick Kolyuk (team manager), Hans Feige (coach), Wolfgang Kinder, Hartmut Schreppel, Klaus Winkler, Roman Pluta, Gerry Holdys, Anton Bulka. Missing: Vlado Gregoric, Spiro Fragopoulos, Andy Simeonidis, Matze Landherr.

Cheers, only boys, a year to go

The tradition of inebriation surrounding the presentation of Victoria's Rothmans Medal was upheld in great style last week at the Southern Cross hotel.

Two Croatia players staggered into a taxi in the early hours of the morning and asked to be taken to Mooroolbark. Some time later they recovered their senses and found themselves in Lilydale. Apparently the taxi driver was lost.

The meter had ticked up to the \$48 mark by then. The driver was told in plain Scottish language to turn off the meter and head for Mooroolbark. Or else.

Another Croatia player arrived home at about 5am with a bouquet of flowers stolen from the front of a nearby garden. It seems that the flowers did the trick because the player concerned was still on talking terms with his lady the following day.

A prominent Green Gully Ajax player was escorted out of Chasers disco. He couldn't remember much about the incident when I questioned him three days later.

George Cross players are the great traditionalists though. They have contributed to the inebriation ritual in an amazingly unselfish fashion.

Australia's Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser was the guest of honor a few years back and suffered the terror of a one-man demonstration at the end of the night. A George Cross player chased the PM's car as it sped away down Exhibition Street.

Perhaps the greatest traditionalist of them all was the former George Cross forward who was mistakenly thought that the men's toilets were housed behind one of the long curtains in the Southern Cross ballroom.

Keep up the good work fellows. It's approximately 360 days to go to the next Rothmans. — CRAIG MACKENZIE

MIDDLE PARK 0 (5 pens) CLIFTON HILL 1 (E.W.O. 0 (4 pens), Invitation Cup final.

Middle Park D. Dukovic: M. Christy, J. Storey, J. Clayton, T. Dykes, G. Coyne, A. Hulley, Z. Zienstra, N. Tanner, M. Tanner, E. Bak, G. Mujica, B. McGroarty, J. Roberts, J. Whyatt.
Clifton Hill J. Papas, B. Fife, C. Tsouvalis, G. Flynn, P. Petropoulos, C. Tsigradis, C. Andriopoulos, G. Houlis, J. Armitage, J. Voulgaris, T. Moshis, A. Cappichiano, A. Papadopoulos, N. Pappas, G. Perna, C. Hatzimouras.

The first match of the day was the Invitation Cup final which began in brilliant sunshine.

Early exchanges were even, with neither attack able to put the opposing defence under any real pressure. Clifton Hill's most constructive attacker was Voulgaris who frequently put through astute passes to winger Andriopoulos and Mochis but somewhat slow to respond they were usually crowded out and dispossessed.

The first real shot for goal after 20 minutes predictably came from Voulgaris when he latched on to a neat pass from Arvanitis and his low drive brought the best out of Suko-

vic. After 34 minutes a great shot by Ball was the nearest

Q&A
Καταληκτική επιτυχία σημείωσε ο έθνησος χορός το βράδυ της κέρρισε την άνοδο στην κατηγορία του Μετροπόλιταν Λίγκ και στην νέα σεζόν θα αγωνίζεται στην Δ' κατηγορία. Ο παίκτης που μπορεί να μην προσοχή να πάρει ακόμη πιο ψηλά. Περισσότερα από 400 άτομα έδωσαν το παρόν στην ώρα της αψή βραδιά και την διάδο κενά της οποίας έγινε και η απονομή των έπαθλων στους ποδοσφαιριστές. Μία εχέχρη διάκριση έγινε για τους παίκτες Πάπασι, Κοντοκόστα και Πεχλιανίδη για την δεκαετή υπηρεσία τους στον κυανό λευκό σύλλογο.

Επίσης για τον ίδιο λόγο τιμήθηκε και ο γενικός αρχηγός της ομάδας κ. Γιάννης Καρανάτορας.

ΘΑ ΕΝΔΟΞΕΙ Ο ΠΑΝΣΕΛΛΗΝΙΟΣ;
Από βελτική πηγή μάθαμε ότι ο Πανελλήνιος της Α' κατηγορίας του Μετροπόλιταν Λίγκ έδωσε με τη ομάδα του Σπλιτ Λίγκ Αναστό ην Σίτυ.

Οι συζητήσεις και των δύο συλλόγων έχουν προχωρήσει αρκετά και πιστεύεται να υπάρξει κατανόηση και από τις δύο πλευρές. Σε τέτοια περιπτώσεις, όπως καταλαβαίνουμε θα πουληθεί ο τίτλος που ήδη έχει τώρα ο Πανελλήνιος.

Ο ΗΓΚΑΝ ΕΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΑΔΕ

Λίγο μετά τα αποτελέσματα στην βραδιά του "ROTHMANS MEDAL" όπου νικήτρια αναδείχθηκε ο ταλαντούχος παίκτης του Φράνκτον Σίτυ Τσάρλντ "Βιγκαν" με 25 βαθμούς, ο πρόεδρος της "Ελλάς κ. Παπαδόπουλος" μας είπε: "Νομίζω ότι τώρα είναι πιο εύκολο για να αποκτήσουμε τον τίτλο που ήδη τον έχουμε στο πρόγραμμα. Τώρα αυτό έχουμε δώσει το ρόμπε και μαζί με στην ταμεία για να τον δοκιμάσουμε".

Ο ΧΟΡΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΠΕΣΤΗ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ

Στις 10 'Οκτωβρίου 1981 η Ένωση Ποντίων που κέρρισε άμεσα το πρωτάθλημα της Α' κατηγορίας του 'Ιντερνατλι Λίγκ, δίδει τον έθνησος χορό της στο πολυτελές 'Βιγκαν Στά.

Κατά την διάρκεια της βραδιάς θα δοθούν και τα αναμνηστικά έπαθλα στους παίκτες που φόρεσαν την φανέλα του συλλόγου. Για πληροφορίες και εισιτήρια τηλεφωνήστε στο 428-1547 ή στο 423-1962.

ΚΑΛΑΦΙΝΑ

Στις 27 Σεπτεμβρίου και από τις 12 το μεσημέρι, η Κλαρίνα διοργανώνει Μπαρμπεκίου στο Τέχνηκα Διοβόλ του Χάντινταϊλ και τα την διάρκεια της ημέρας θα δώσουν στους παίκτες της Α' και της Β' ομάδας τα αναμνηστικά έπαθλα για την σεζόν του 1981.

ΕΠΑΚΑΘΕ

Στις 10 του 'Οκτωβρίου τα Τσόνιουρς του 'Η σαλκή δίδουν τον έθνησος χορό τους στο 'Α θεος σεσόνιου και κατά την διάρκεια της βραδιάς θα γίνει και η απονομή έπαθλων στους μινκρούς άσους του συλλόγου.

ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ ΣΙΤΥ

Στις 26 του Σεπτεμβρίου το Μάλβερν Σίτυ δίνει τον έθνησος χορό τους στο Στά της Κοινός της τής 'Αλν.

Για εισιτήρια, τηλεφωνήστε στο 509-7724. Επίσης στις 4 του 'Οκτωβρίου θα γίνει η απονομή των έπαθλων στα Τσόνιουρς του συλλόγου. Κατά την διάρκεια της ημέρας θα γίνει και ποδοσφαιρική συνάντηση των παιλαμάχων του συλλόγου.

ΜΑΕ ΤΟ ΕΠΙΘΕ Ο ΠΙΑΝΝΑΟΣ

Μίλησα με τον κ. Παπαδόπουλο και με τον κ. Αλεξάνη για θέματα που αφορούν την 'Ελλάς Μελοβόρσις. Επίσης μάθαμε και για την κοσμοπολίτη μου στην κυανόλευκο σύλλογο. Ζήτησα δύο εβδομάδες καρό για να ξεκουρασώ και μετά νομίζω ότι θα λύσουμε τα πάντα και θα συνεχίσουμε όλοι μαζί για να νικήσουμε μια 'Ελλάς μεγάλη.

Δεν το κρύβω ότι η καρδιά μου είναι στην 'Ελλάς. Σχετικά με το Μαρκόνι που δημοσιεύθηκε και ποια είδηση, δεν έχω καμιά ιδέα. Πάντα αν οι άνθρωποι του συστήνουν για το προσωπικό μου, με αυτό δεν έπεται ότι και έχω κάνει και ενώ συζητήσω.

ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΣ Ο ΑΕΝ

Ο Άν Μανέιντρου δ τεχνικός του Μέγα που καθάρωσε να δώσει στην κιντρινομάχη διά θα την παλιά της καλή προσωπικότητα, έμεινε άπλητος εχθροιστήμένος με τους παίκτες του.

Ένα από τα παραβλήματα που είχε ο πετυχημένος τεχνικός ήταν και αυτό το κλά, ο οποίος όταν ανέλαβε δ Μανέιντρου είχε σημειώσει μόνον 3 τέρματα, ενώ στην συνέχεια δ σέντερ φόρ της 'Εθνικής Αυστραλίας, Βορής τον καλό του εαυτού και πέτυχε άλλα 13 τέρματα με τα όπλα κέρρισε και τον τίτλο του πρώτου σκόρερ του πρωταθλήματος του Φλίτς Λίγκ.

ΓΙΑΝΝΑΟΣ - ΑΝΕΞΑΚΗΣ ΕΤΩΝ ΑΙΤΑΙΑ

Δεν αποκλείεται τόσο ο προπονητής της 'Ελλάς Γιάννης Μαργαρίτης, όσο και δ γενικός αρχηγός της κυανόλευκου να περάσουν στην 'Αγγλία για την αγορά δύο ποδοσφαιριστών. Αυτό φυσικά θα εξαρτηθεί από τις εδω μεταγραφές. Γιατί αν η 'Ελλάς πετύχει τους παίκτες που θέλει στην Αυστραλία, τότε δεν θα νταθεί στο εξωτερικό.

"FROM THE PENALTY SPOT"

ΑΠΟΛΟΓΙΣΤΕΣ.

Σε δημοσίευμα του Soccer Action 8 'Ιουλίου 1981, έγιναν σχόλια και αναφορές για το θέμα μεταβίβασης ποδοσφαιρικής ομάδας του Κλάφιλντ Σίτυ και του πρώην προπονητή του Μάνου Μήλιου.

Τό Soccer Action δεν είναι εις θέαν να γνωρίζει αν τό Κλάφιλντ Σίτυ χρωστά καθόλου λεφτά και ούτε έχει γνώση αν αποδορίστηκε Κοντράτο έχει παραβιαστεί και άνακαλσι πών τυχόν συμπεράσμα που έδωσε την έντιμηση ότι τό Συμβούλιο του Κλάφιλντ δεν κρήσεται τόν λόγο του.

Τό Soccer Action ποτέ δεν έπιθυμούσε κανένα σχόλιο και κριτική άπάντα στο Κλάφιλντ Σίτυ και στο Συμβούλιο του, και άπολογείται για άποιαδήποτε προσβολή και άδχερεία που προέκυψαν από τό δημοσίευμά του.

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